



Kiroro 1107 Peak


キロロ 1107 峰 Ski Touring Map 1:25000






5.5hrs

Time




750m

Total Climb




1107m

Highest point




8.5km

Distance



6/10

Difficulty



Jan-Mar

Best season

Kiroro’s 1107m and 992m peaks 1107 峰／992峰 just west of the Kiroro Snow World ski resort afford excellent access to some amazing backcountry terrain away from the madding crowds of the resort. Kiroro is known for abundant powder snow, and this area east of the resort is no exception. Close proximity to the lower backcountry gate makes for very efficient access to great powder-lapping terrain. There are plenty of options here to dial up and down the exposure, from ridge-



lines, well-spaced glades, and large open bowls.

**LOCATION**  
Kiroro Ski Resort sits about 12km south of the bustling tourist town of Otaru, about 30km west of Sapporo City. The start location for this backcountry zone west of the resort is the backcountry gate (here) just next to the upper lift station on the Gateway Express ゲートウェーエクスプレス lift, to the west of the main Kiroro Mountain Center マウンテンセンター. Note that access is only permitted via this backcountry gate.

**GENERAL NOTES**  
To the west of the sprawling Kiroro Resort is a large backcountry playground, involving a number of un-named peaks along a north-to-south ridge. It’s not feasibly accessible from higher up in the ski resort, so it’s very much a human-powered backcountry zone. It shares the same great powder snow that falls in the resort itself, and offers a number of different aspects. The upper reaches offer great views east to the resort.

**Exposure and difficulty:** Being so close to the resort, it would be easy to take this zone less seriously than backcountry areas not adjacent to a resort. The bowls, peaks, and ridges in the area are, however, very much the backcountry; in 2021, there was a fatality due to an avalanche in the area. That said, experienced skiers will find it relatively easy to dial up and down the exposure depending on snowpack stability on the day. Even the ridge-line skiing can be fantastic, given the sheer amount of

powder that settles on the terrain in this area. Mountain plan submission: As per the resort policy, Kiroro Resort requires all parties accessing the backcountry from the resort to submit a mountaineering plan to the Hokkaido Police prior to setting off. Skiers can do this online in English using Mt-Compass.

**ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES**  
If you're just heading up and around the ridgeline to both peaks, you can expect about



3 hours up (and around) and about an hour down. In reality, we’d imagine most skiers would want to make the most of their time in the zone by lapping several slopes, so it’s well worth allowing up to six hours to fully enjoy the area.

From the Kiroro resort carpark, make your way up to the Mountain Center, and enter via the stairs (or escalator) at the main entrance. Walk through the throngs of resort skiers out to the snow on the southern side of the Mountain Center. Once outside, head right to the top station of the Gateway Express lift, keeping well to the side of the slope. Don skis just outside the backcountry gate, and head south with the Yoichi River stream on your right.

After about 500m or so, find a good snow bridge to cross the river to the right (west), to access the main lower gully between the 1107m and 992m peaks. Once you’re in the gully, select a suitable ridge to ascend to the 1107m or 992m peaks. There are a few options, and they’re all good.

On the descent, return the way you came.

**TRANSPORT**  
**By car:** Kiroro Resort is about a 70 minute drive west of central Sapporo City via Otaru City on the expressway (90 minutes on the low roads). There is ample parking in the resort’s

gigantic parking lots. If you’re later than 9am, expect to have to walk quite far from the parking lot to the Mountain Center.  
**Public transport:** Kiroro Resort runs a bus service from both Otaru train station (1,300yen, 70 mins) and Sapporo train station (2,200yen, 90 mins). See the details on their Access page on the Kiroro Resort website.

**SAFETY NOTES**  
As mentioned above, despite this zone’s proximity to the sprawling Kiroro Resort, it is the backcountry. It’s not patrolled, managed, or signposted. While much of the approach to the respective peaks is generally via ridge-



lines, the popular bowl terrain between the peaks is very much avalanche terrain. Skiers should be very confident in snowpack stability if attempting to ski the bowls. Bowls lead into deep gully terrain traps.

**ONSEN NEARBY**  
If you’re heading back to Sapporo, we’d recommend a long soak and meal at Yu-no-hana in Asari-gawa Onsen area 小樽天然温泉湯の花 朝里殿 (880yen). Multiple pools, mist and dry saunas, cold plunge pool, and a large 2nd floor restaurant area. ■

Japanese Map Glossary		
Romaji	Kanji	English
bunki	分岐	junction
cho	町	town
dake/mine	岳/峯	peak
eki	駅	station
goya/koya	小屋	hut
hinangoya	避難小屋	shelter
ike	池	pond
kawa/gawa	川	river
kako	火口	crater
ko/mizumi	湖	lake
kyo	峡	gorge
numa	沼	pond
onsen	温泉	hot spring
sawa	沢	stream
taira/daira	平	plateau
tani/dani	谷	valley
taki	滝	waterfall
toge	峠	pass
yama/san/zan	山	mountain

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

Please visit the full route guides for GPS files, interactive maps, and extra safety notes: <https://bit.ly/kiroro1107>



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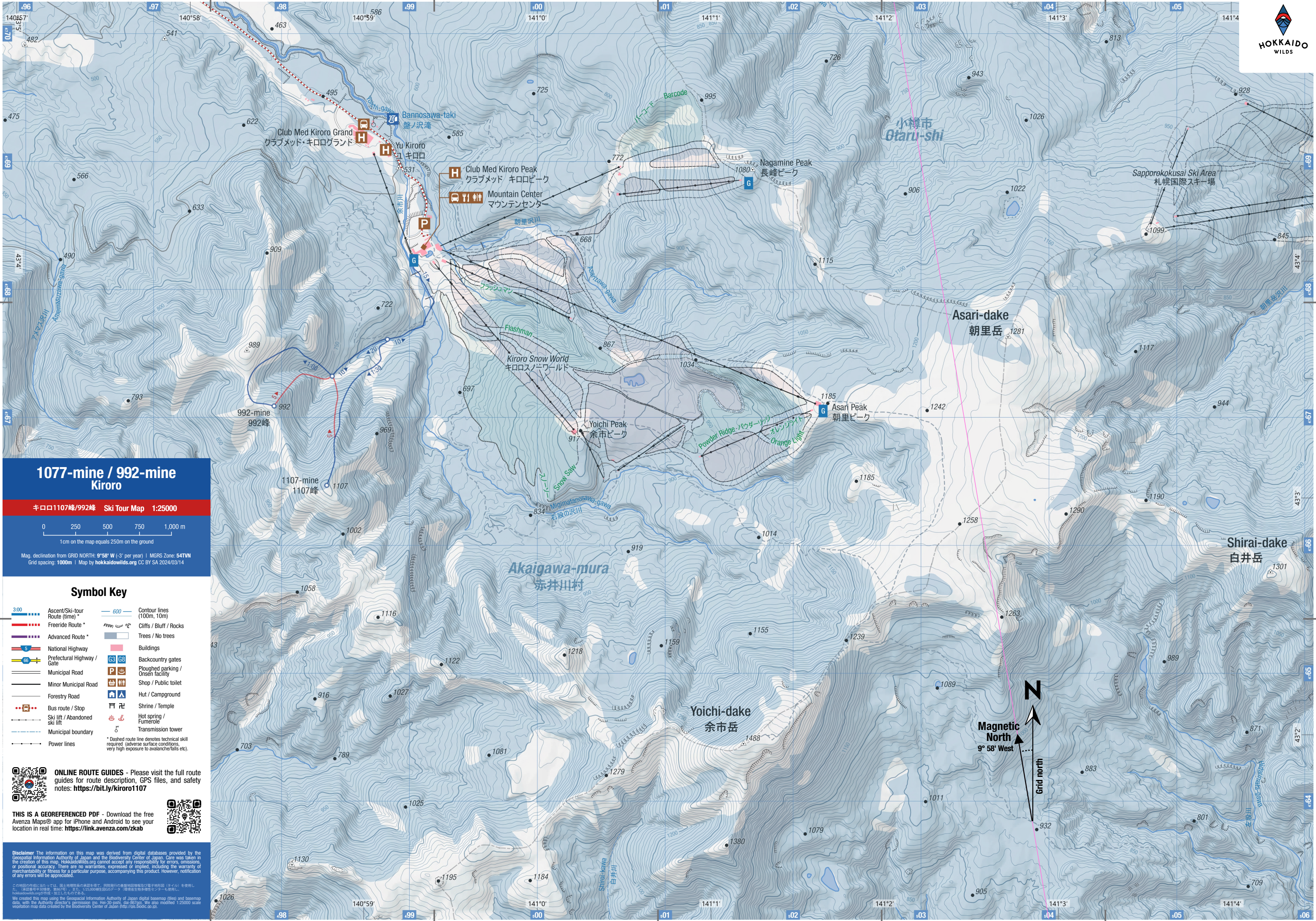
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**1077-mine / 992-mine  
Kiroro**

キロロ1107峰/992峰 Ski Tour Map 1:25000

0 250 500 750 1,000 m

1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground

Mag. declination from GRID NORTH: 9°58' W (-3' per year) | MGRS Zone: 54TVN  
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**Symbol Key**

3:00	Ascent/Ski-tour Route (time) *	600	Contour lines (100m, 10m)
---	Freeride Route *	崖	Cliffs / Bluff / Rocks
---	Advanced Route *	樹	Trees / No trees
5	National Highway	建	Buildings
66	Prefectural Highway / Gate	ゲ	Backcountry gates
---	Municipal Road	P	Ploughed parking / Onsen facility
---	Minor Municipal Road	店	Shop / Public toilet
---	Forestry Road	家	Hut / Campground
---	Bus route / Stop	祠	Shrine / Temple
---	Ski lift / Abandoned ski lift	湯	Hot spring / Fumerole
---	Municipal boundary	電	Transmission tower
---	Power lines		

\* Dashed route line denotes technical skill required (adverse surface conditions, very high exposure to avalanche/falls etc).

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## PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS

### STEP 1

Load your printer with A3 printer paper (297mm x 420mm). If you've only got Tabloid or Ledger size (279mm x 432 mm), just follow the instructions below. You'll achieve an accurate scale, but the map will be clipped a little at the top and bottom.

### STEP 2

Open the print window by clicking on File > Print (or hitting Ctrl + P on your keyboard).

### STEP 3

Make sure "Actual Size" is selected.

### STEP 4

For double-sided printing, select "Print on both sides of paper".

### STEP 5

For best results, select the highest quality print option available on your printer (settings will vary).

### STEP 6

You won't need this instructions page, so just select the pages that don't include this instruction sheet.

### STEP 7

Click "Print".

## PLEASE PRINT AT 'ACTUAL SIZE' (NO SCALING)

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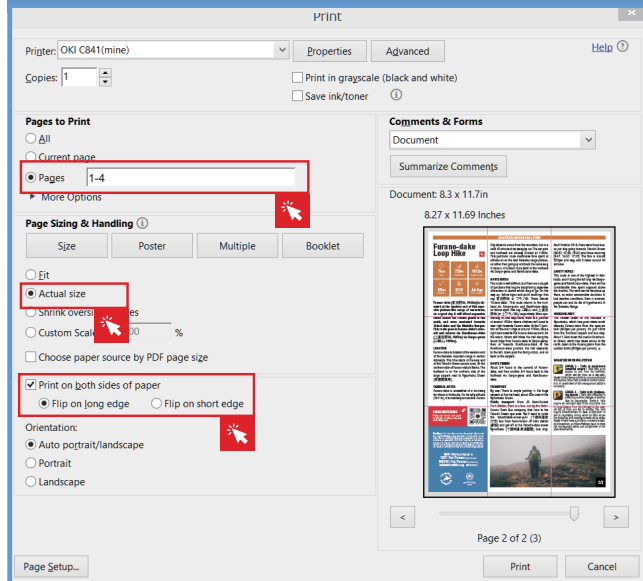
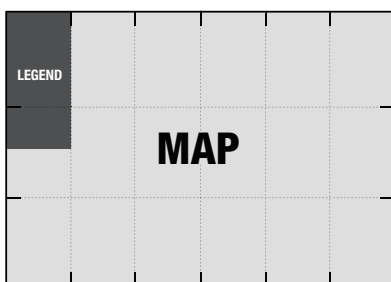


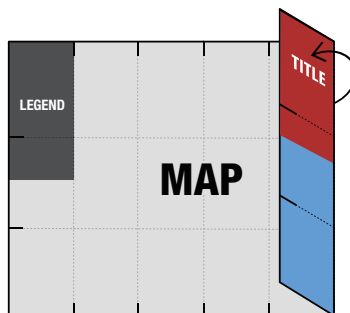
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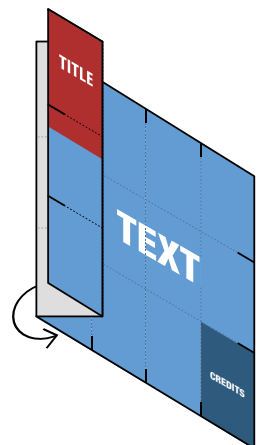
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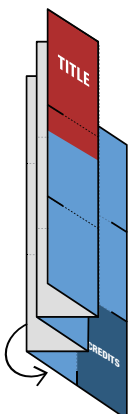
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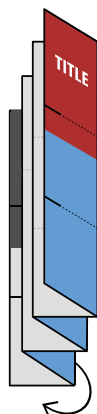
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