



# Yunai-yama Asahikawa City

湯内山 Ski Tour Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1,000 m

1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground

Magnetic declination from GRID NORTH: 9°58' W | MGRS Zone: 54TWP  
Grid spacing: 1000m | Projection: WGS 84 / UTM zone 54N  
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## Symbol Key

	Ascent/Ski-tour Route (time) *		Contour lines (100m, 10m)
	Freeride Route *		Cliffs / Bluff / Rocks
	Advanced Route *		Trees / No trees
	National Highway		Buildings
	Prefectural Highway / Gate		Backcountry gates
	Municipal Road		Ploughed parking / Onsen facility
	Minor Municipal Road		Shop / Public toilet
	Forestry Road		Hut / Campground
	Bus route / Stop		Shrine / Temple
	Ski lift / Abandoned ski lift		Hot spring / Fumerole
	Municipal boundary		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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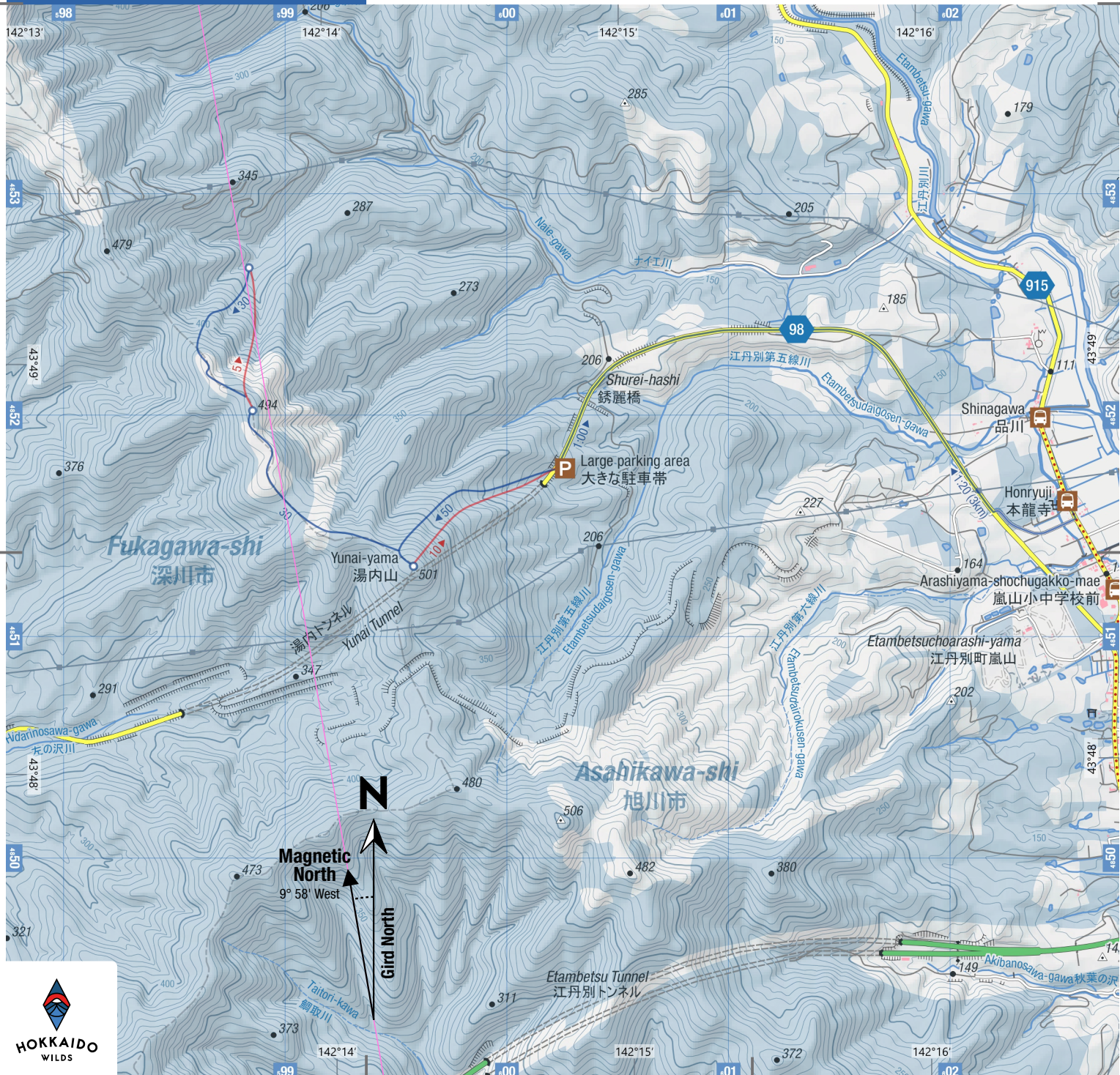


## Japanese Map Glossary

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
toge	峠	waterfall
yama/san/zan	山	pass
		mountain

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# Yunai-yama



<b>2hrs</b> Time	<b>250m</b> Total Climb	<b>501m</b> Highest point
<b>6.5km</b> Distance	<b>3.5/10</b> Difficulty	<b>Jan-Mar</b> Best season

Within the Asahikawa City limits, Yunai-yama 湯内山 (501m) is a very easily accessed low peak perfect for multiple laps of cold, dry powder. Furthermore, the ridge extending north from the summit allows access to a huge acreage of terrain. This means that despite the peak's popularity among local backcountry skiers, there'll always be fresh snow to ski for those willing to walk just a little bit further along from the summit. The trailhead is only a 20 minute drive north from central Asahikawa City, so it should be on any skier's radar in the Asahikawa area, particularly when alpine areas are ruled out due to weather.

## LOCATION

Yunai-yama is located about 20 minutes



drive north of Asahikawa City central in central Hokkaido, just above the Yunai Tunnel 湯内トンネル on Route 98, the 'back road' heading west towards Fukagawa City. This route starts on the eastern (Asahikawa City) side of Yunai Tunnel, at a large plowed parking bay.

## GENERAL NOTES

As a quick-backcountry-laps mainstay for those in the Asahikawa City area, Yuna-yama is a great option for those keen for a quick morning or afternoon ski. There's an incredibly large terrain to ski, however, so it's easy to make a full day of lapping out of this very easy-to-access zone.

## ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

The timing here (2hrs) assumes you just climb to the top of the 501m peak, and ski back down. Most skiers, however, will find they enjoy this area the most when they commit to a full day of lapping. If you head to the northern-most point on our map and lap at least four or five times, you'll happily spend 5-6hrs making the most of the northeastern-aspect dry powder.

From the large plowed parking bay, head west on the northern side of the road, quickly climbing above and to the right of the tunnel entrance up a broad gully, through a small plantation forest. This gully very soon exits into beautiful old-growth forest, and a broad face at a perfect pitch for skiing. From here it's only about a 50-minute skin up to the summit. The summit isn't named on official topomaps, but there is a hand-carved summit sign displaying 湯内山.

From the summit, either lap the main face, or head north along the ridge for your pick of a plethora of untracked slopes to the east and west of the ridge.

## TRANSPORT

**By car:** From central Asahikawa City, the plowed parking bay on Route 98 towards Yunai Tunnel is about a 20-minute drive north.

**Public transport:** At a pinch, if you're happy to walk 40 minutes or so from the bus stop to the trailhead, it would be possible to take a public bus from Asahikawa JR Station to the Honryuji Temple bus stop 本龍寺バス停, a 3km walk

to the trailhead. Note that it's generally frowned upon to ski on roads in Japan.

## SAFETY NOTES

If you're just sticking to the main thoroughfare on this route (from the tunnel entrance to 501m and back again), there isn't much to be concerned about. The slopes are mellow, there's no complexity in the terrain, and the distances and climbs are short (hence the overall difficulty rating of 3.5/10). If dropping down any of the bowls and gullies from the ridge north of the 501m summit, however, you'll be dealing with considerable terrain trap hazards, and lots of isolated instabilities, including glide cracks. At times of snowpack instability, avoid dropping too far down into the gullies.

## ONSEN NEARBY

On your way back into Asahikawa City, you might want to check out the sprawling Asahikawa Takasagodai Man-yonoyu Onsen 旭川高砂台 万葉の湯 (1600yen). They have a large restaurant, and it's also possible to stay overnight for an extra 1,400yen (sleeping on reclining chairs) or 3,500yen (for a room). For a cheaper onsen experience, you could try the Takasago Onsen 高砂温泉 (850yen), with great views across Asahikawa City. They also have an attached restaurant and outdoor pools. ■



## ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

Please visit the full route guide for GPS file, interactive map, and extra safety notes: <https://bit.ly/yunaiski>



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### 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".

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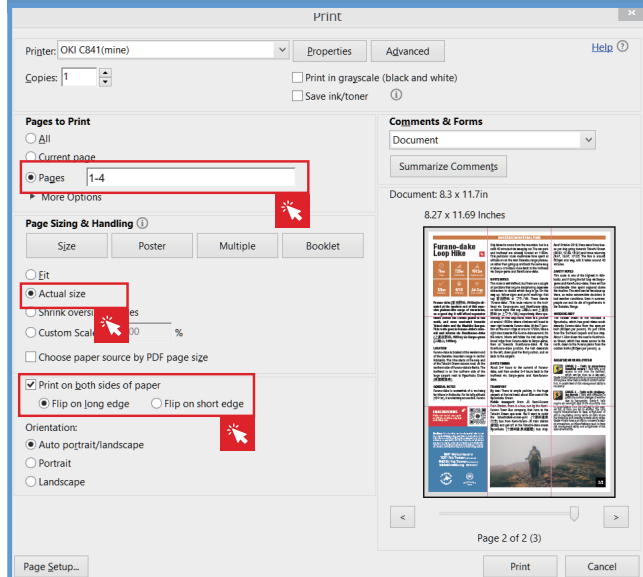


Figure 1. Ensure "Actual Size", and Pages 1-4 are selected (Windows).

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