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Monbetsu-dake Snowshoeing

Monbetsu-dake (紋別岳, 865m) is a very beginner-friendly hiking-oriented hill on the Lake Shikotsu caldera rim. It is a particularly fun hill on snowshoes in the winter. The route follows a road most of the way up, so navigation is a breeze. From the summit, there are expansive views across Lake Shikotsu. In the winter, the antennas and radio towers are a welcome presence at the summit - on a windy day the lee of the buildings will provide some shelter from the wind.

LOCATION
Monbetsu-dake is a peak on the Lake Shikotsu (支笏湖) caldera rim, about 30km south of central Sapporo City. The trailhead location (in both summer and winter) is just 10 minutes walk north of the Shikotsu Village center.

GENERAL NOTES
Like many of the peaks on the Lake Shikotsu caldera rim, Monbetsu-dake has a nice final approach on a ridge that directly faces the lake. The whole way up you'll have great views of the lake below. As mentioned above, the route follows the road on the way up and down. While the route marked in this guide leaves the road just before the summit, it is possible to just stay on the road the whole way. It will wrap around the back of the summit and arrive at the top from the north. If confident of your navigation abilities in winter, however, it is worth cutting off the road just below the summit, and climbing up the steep ridge. This provides the best views of Lake Shikotsu.

Monbetsu-dake on skis: Monbetsu-dake would also be possible on skis, but there are not many open areas to get a good run. If you're happy with relatively dense trees (or skiing on the road), then being on skis would cut the downhill time.

ROUTE MARKERS
This snowshoe route is not marked. The road is relatively well defined, even in winter, but there may be times that you may need to take your bearings to make sure you're on the right track.

ROUTE TIMING
About 2.5 hours up, and 2 hours down. The road is not particularly steep the whole way up and down, so it is best to allow plenty of time for the downhill - there won't be much sliding involved.

TRANSPORT
By car: There is parking for about 10 cars at the trailhead.
Public transport: This route is accessible by public bus from Chitose JR Station. You would take the bus to Shikotsu Village, and then walk the 450m from the bus stop to the trailhead.

SAFETY NOTES
As always, check local weather conditions, and make conservative decisions during the winter months.

ONSEN NEARBY
The very upmarket Lake Shikotsu Mizu-no-Uta (水の歌) is right next to the bus stop, and costs 1,080yen per person.
**PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS**

**STEP 1**
Load your printer with A4 printer paper (210mm x 297mm). If you’ve only got Letter size (215.9mm x 279.4 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 pages 1-2.

**STEP 7**
Click “Print”.

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