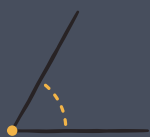


GATE 1

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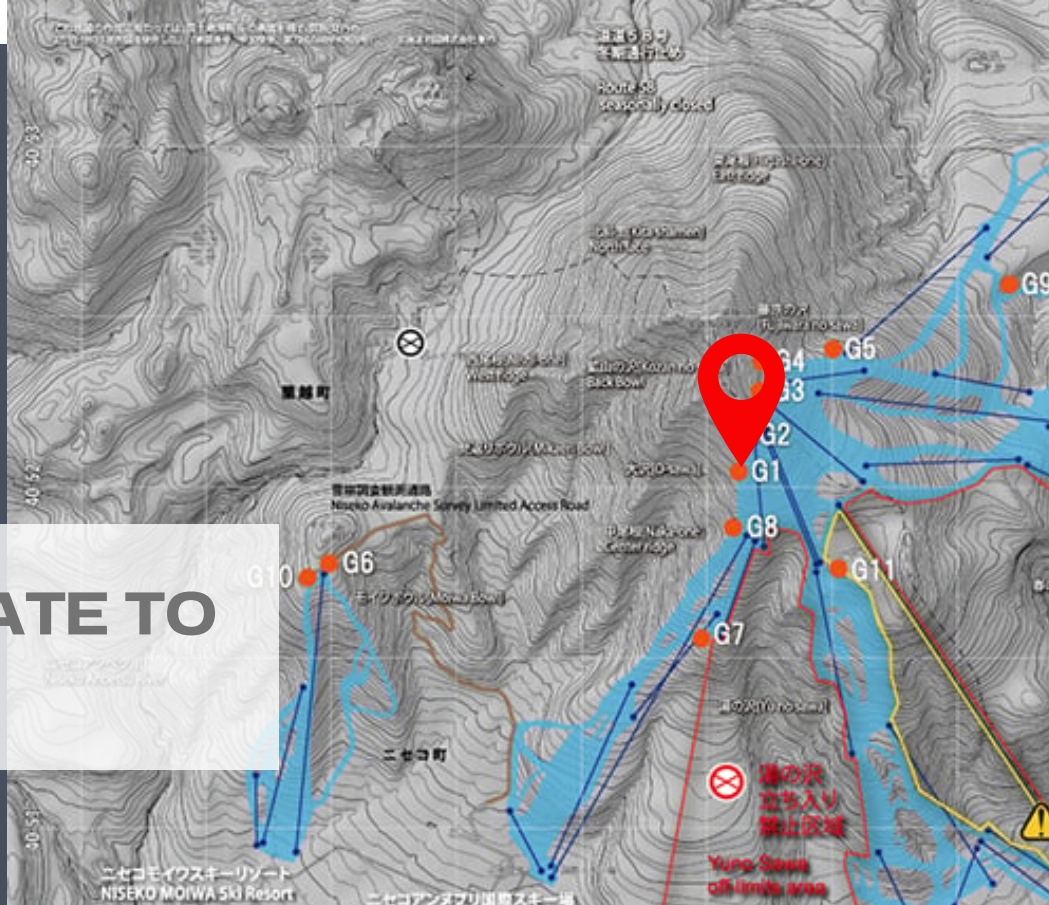
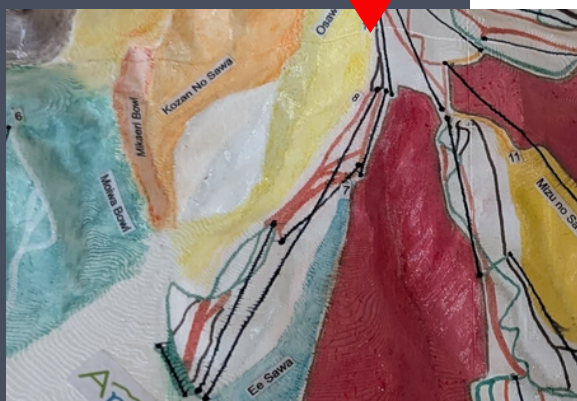
30° to 40°



Skiing



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TERRAIN FEATURES

Wide open bowl, with rolling terrain and occasional wind lips.

DESCRIPTION

Skiers' right at the top of Annupuri, dropping into Osawa Bowl with west-facing slopes, spaced trees, and powder fields. Finishes in a natural gully back to the base.

LOCATION Annupuri

EXPERT TIPS

Enter early on clear days to beat the wind. Stay high on the traverse for easier return. Always carry beacon, shovel, and probe.

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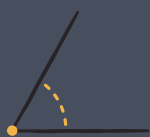
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GATE 2

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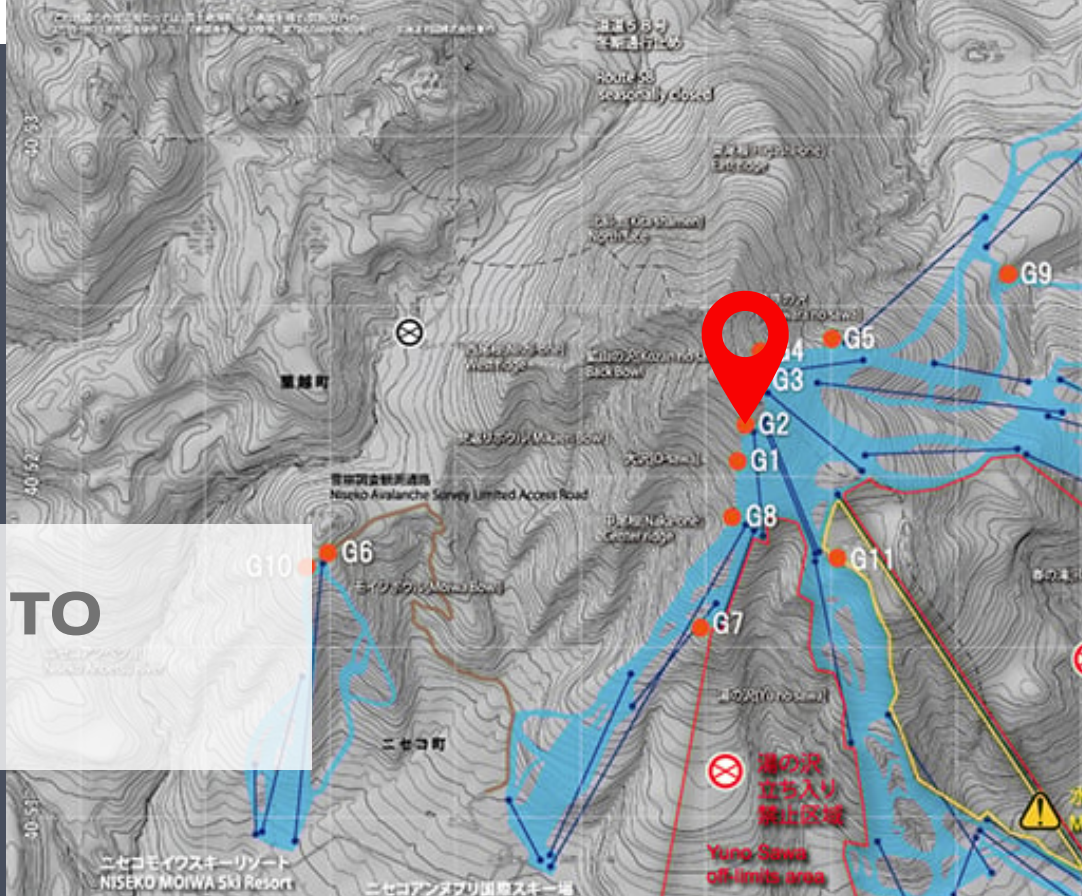
30° to 45°



Hiking



Skiing



ANNUPURI PEAK

TERRAIN FEATURES

Open alpine bowl, steep pitches, cornices, and potential wind-loaded slopes with few trees

DESCRIPTION

Provides direct access from the peak of Annupuri into wide open alpine terrain with some of the longest lines in Niseko. Incredible on a clear powder day, but very exposed and dangerous in poor weather or high avalanche conditions.

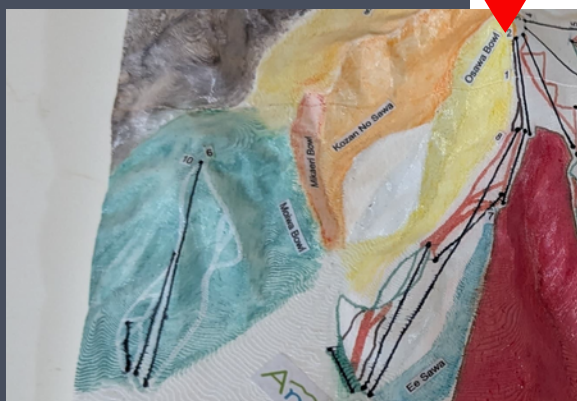
LOCATION Annupuri

EXPERT TIPS

Enter only if visibility and avalanche conditions are stable. Start early before wind affects the snow. Stay high for better return options.

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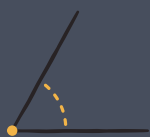


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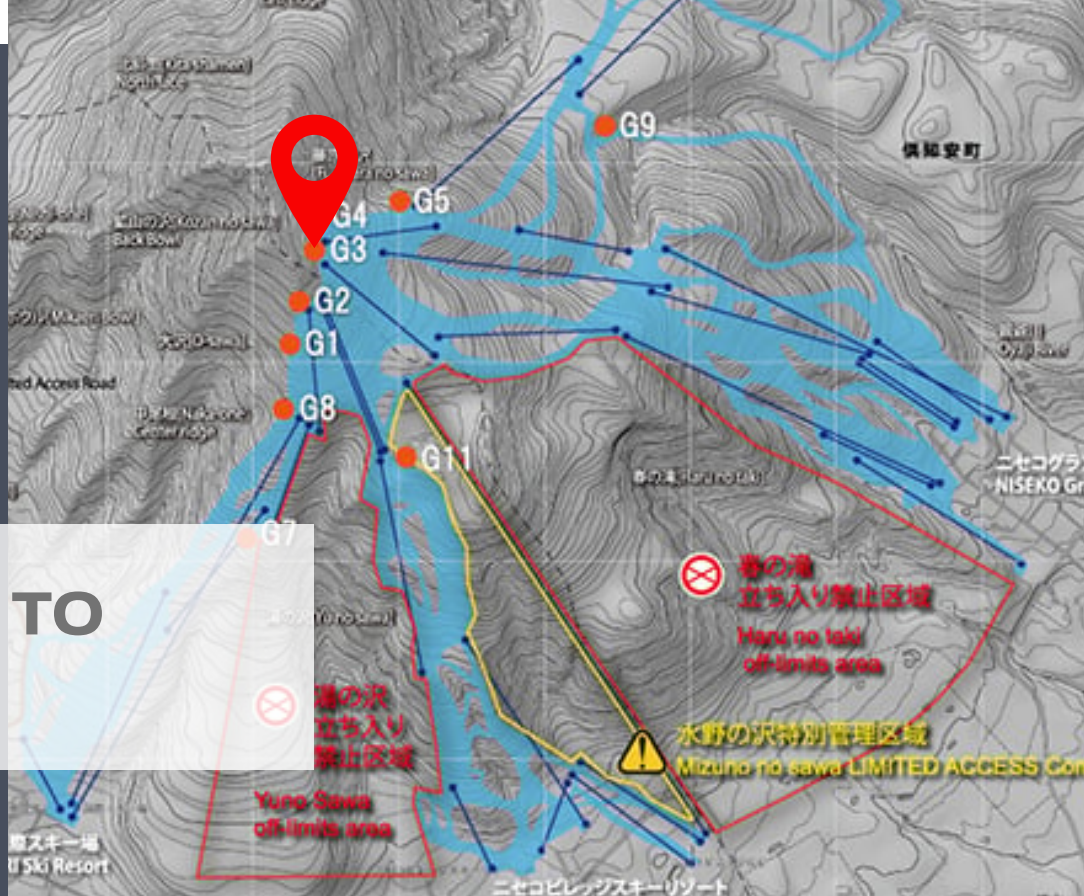
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Hiking



Traversing
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Hiking



HIRAFU PEAK

TERRAIN FEATURES

Steep alpine faces, wind-loaded slopes, chutes, and open powder fields. No trees on top section.

DESCRIPTION

Opens from the summit of Hirafu, offering multiple freeride options into East Ridge, the North Face, and the Back Bowl. It's one of the most iconic gates in Niseko, with steep terrain and deep powder on good days.

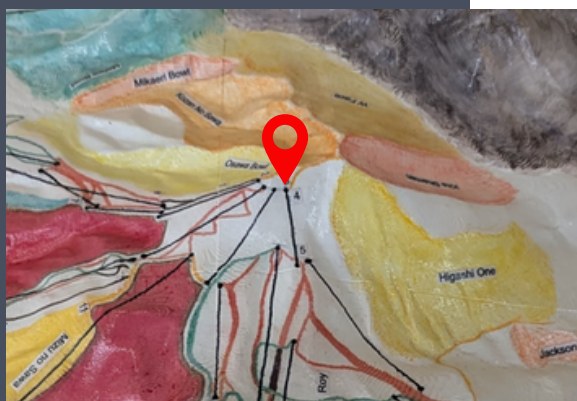
LOCATION Grand Hirafu

EXPERT TIPS

Only go in clear weather. Complex terrain exposed to wind loading. Be prepared with full avalanche gear and knowing your line .

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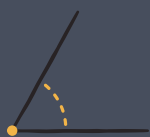


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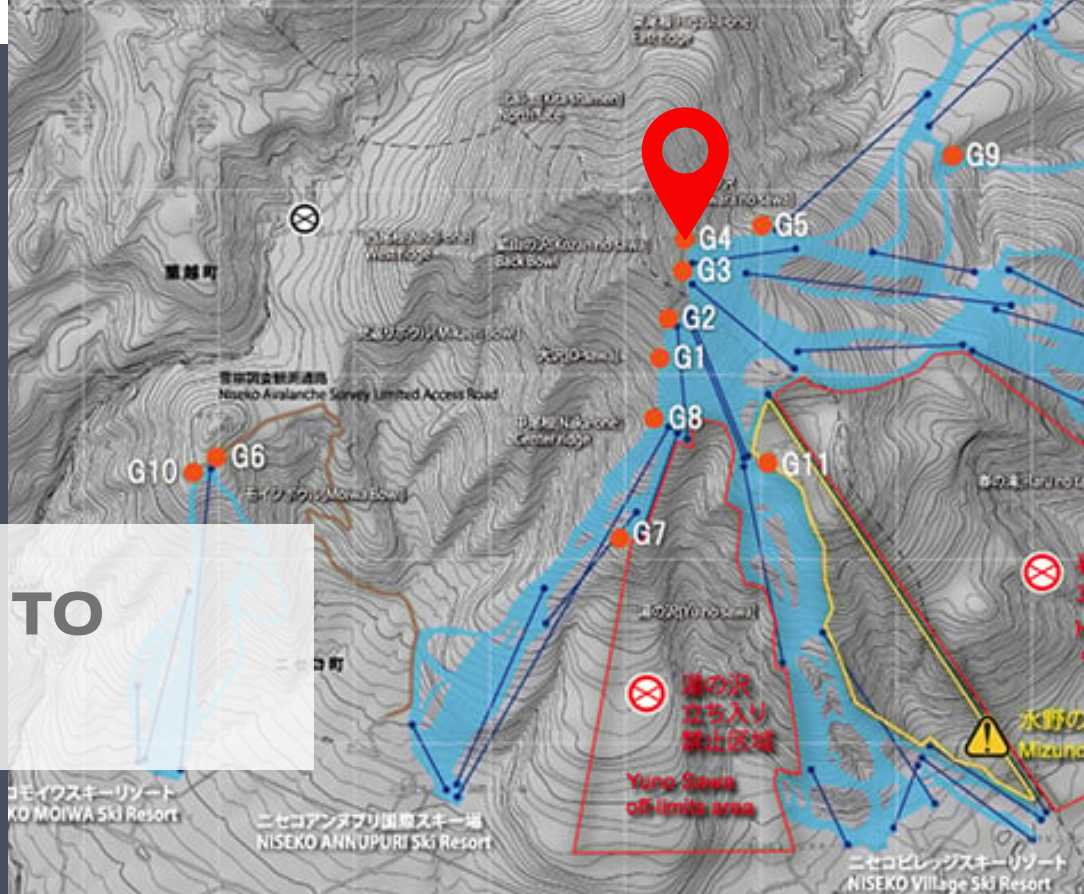
30° to 40°



Traversing



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HANAZONO RIDGE

TERRAIN FEATURES

Lower East Ridge: open bowls, natural gullies, ridgeline cornices, occasional small drops. No trees on top section.

DESCRIPTION

Opens onto the lower East Ridge below Hirafu Peak, offering open powder fields and gullies directly into Hanazono's slopes. It's a busy entry point on powder days with quick access, but lies directly in avalanche paths from higher ridges.

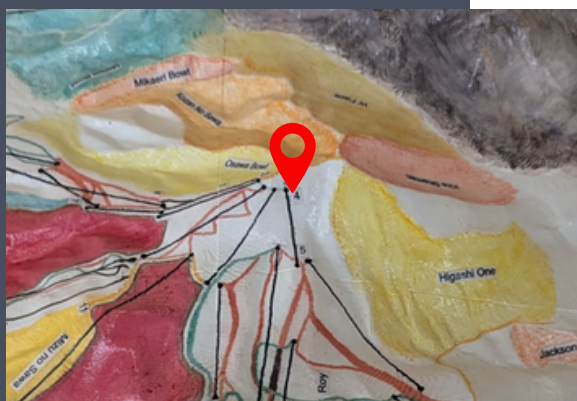
LOCATION Grand Hirafu

EXPERT TIPS

Great for powder days with minimal approach. Stay high and traverse smartly to manage exposure.

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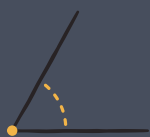


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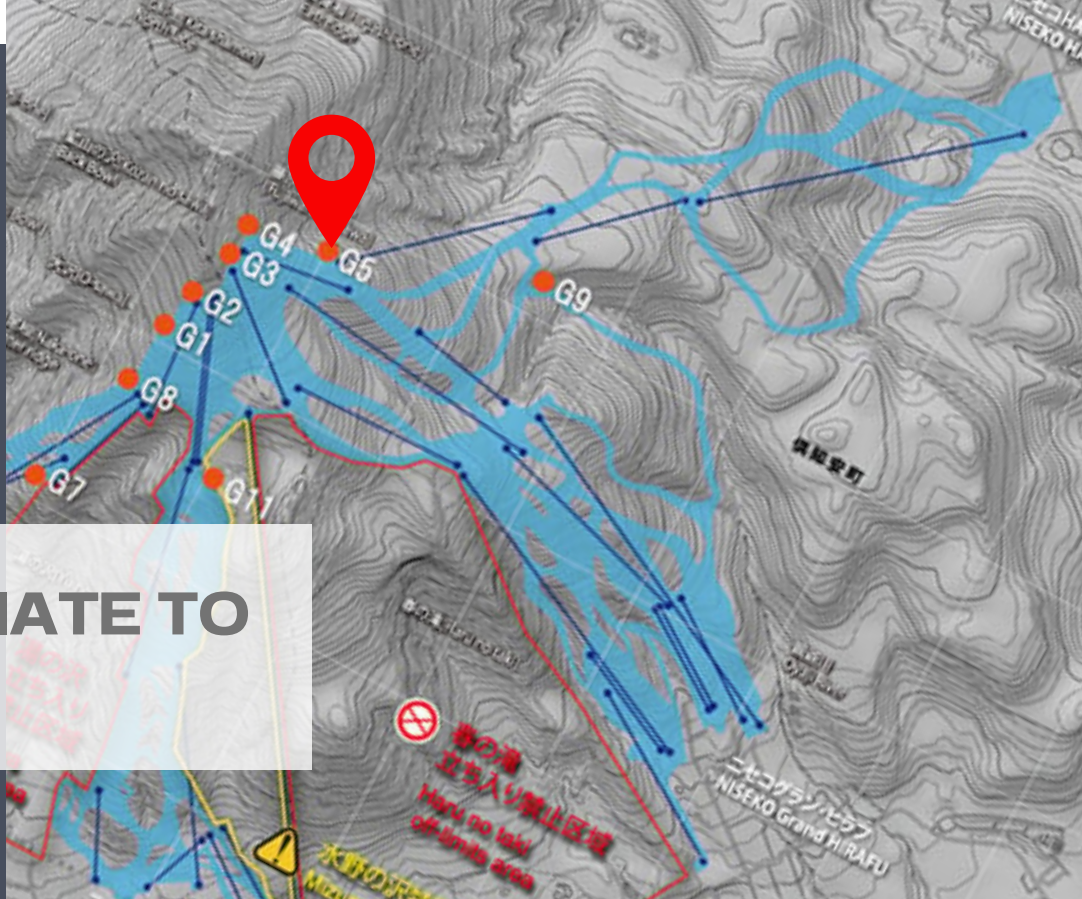
30° to 40°



Skiing



Skiing



HANAZONO GATE

TERRAIN FEATURES

Open powder faces with spaced trees, wind-loaded cornices above traverse lines, and playful ridges lower down.

DESCRIPTION

Just above Hana 3 lift, a lower-altitude gate offering mellow open powder lines and well-spaced trees. Ideal for early tracks on powder days. It's an easy intro to backcountry freeriding in Hanazono.

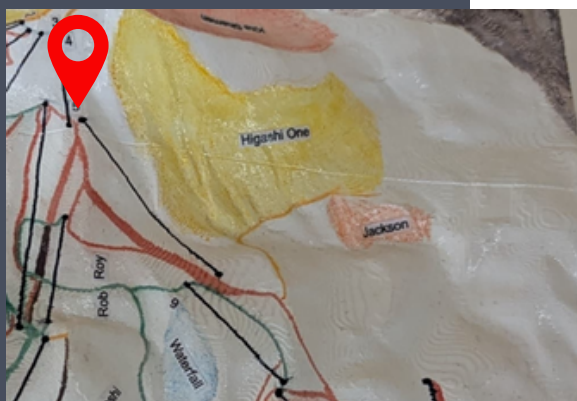
LOCATION Hanazono

EXPERT TIPS

Perfect for first tracks and on-station powder laps. Stick close to the lift for the easiest return.

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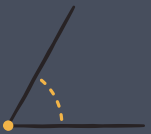


GATE 6

ADVANCE TO
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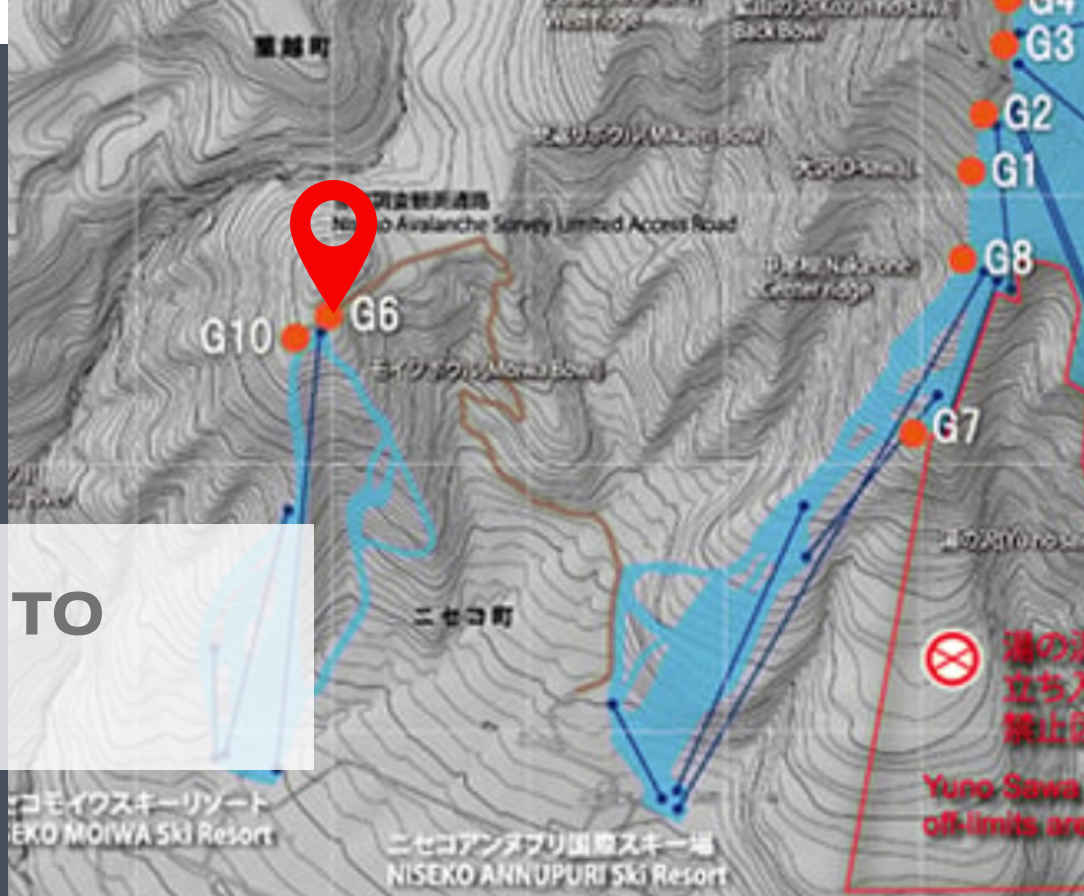
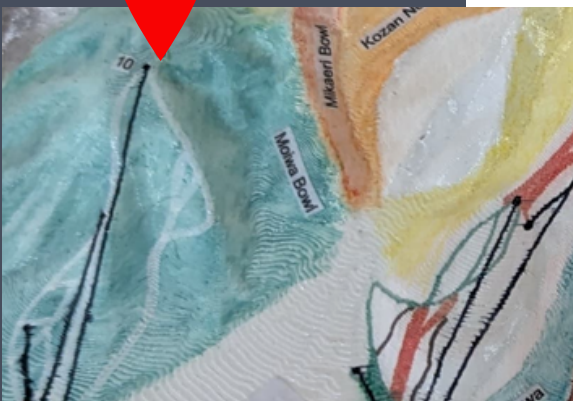
30° to 45°



Skiing



Traversing



MOIWA PEAK

TERRAIN FEATURES

Open alpine faces, cliff bands, creek walls, natural half-pipes, steep roll-offs, wind-loaded ridges, minimal tree coverage.

DESCRIPTION

From the top of the Moirwa quad lift and connects to hidden side-country zones like Moirwa Bowl and Mikaeri-no-sawa. The terrain is rugged, with cliffs, creek walls, natural half-pipes, and steep chutes. Expect short, technical lines followed by traverses or creek run-outs.

LOCATION Moirwa

EXPERT TIPS

Be prepared for traverses after the drop; the exit path may include non-skiable flats requiring skating.

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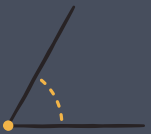
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GATE 7

INTERMEDIATE



S-SW-W



25° to 30°



Skiing



Skiing



E-SAWA GATE

TERRAIN FEATURES

Gladed trees, subtle rollers, and natural half-pipe gullies. No significant landmarks—rope line serves as boundary. Beware of exposed creek runs early season.

DESCRIPTION

Just below the loading station of Jumbo Pair Lift 3, it's a fun, low angle sidecountry zone with mellow tree lines and natural half-pipe features.

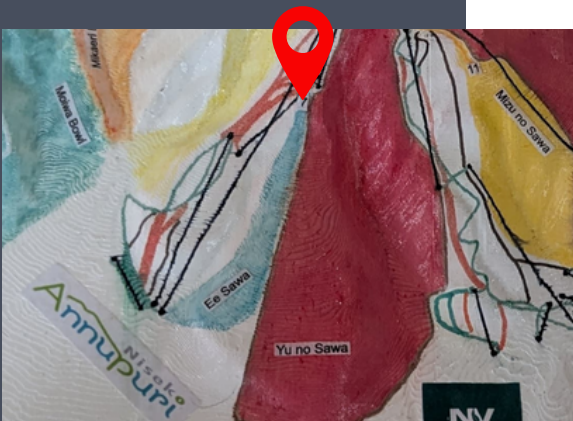
LOCATION Annupuri

EXPERT TIPS

Ideal for storm days when higher gates are closed. Use rope as visual guide in low visibility.

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GATE 8

INTERMEDIATE TO
ADVANCE



S-SW



25° to 35°



Skiing



Skiing



HACHI-BAN

TERRAIN FEATURES

Tight, well-spaced trees; natural half-pipe gullies; short, punchy runs with minimal vertical. Ideal for playful tree laps.

DESCRIPTION

The lowest entry into Osawa Bowl, offering short but satisfying tree runs that hold fresh snow even on busy days. Particularly useful when upper mountains are closed or visibility is poor.

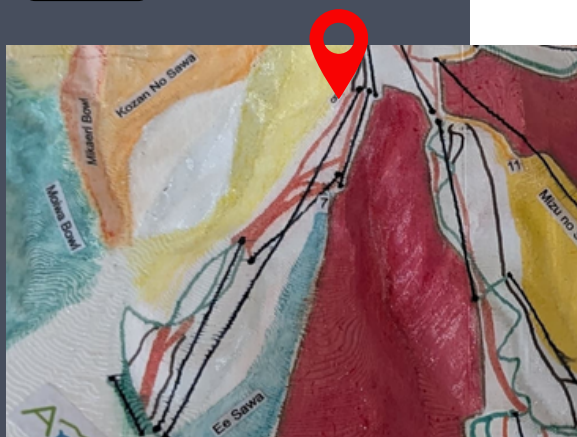
LOCATION Annupuri

EXPERT TIPS

Expect quick laps. Great for storm days or limited visibility—less exposed terrain.

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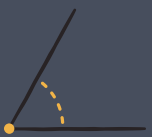


GATE 9

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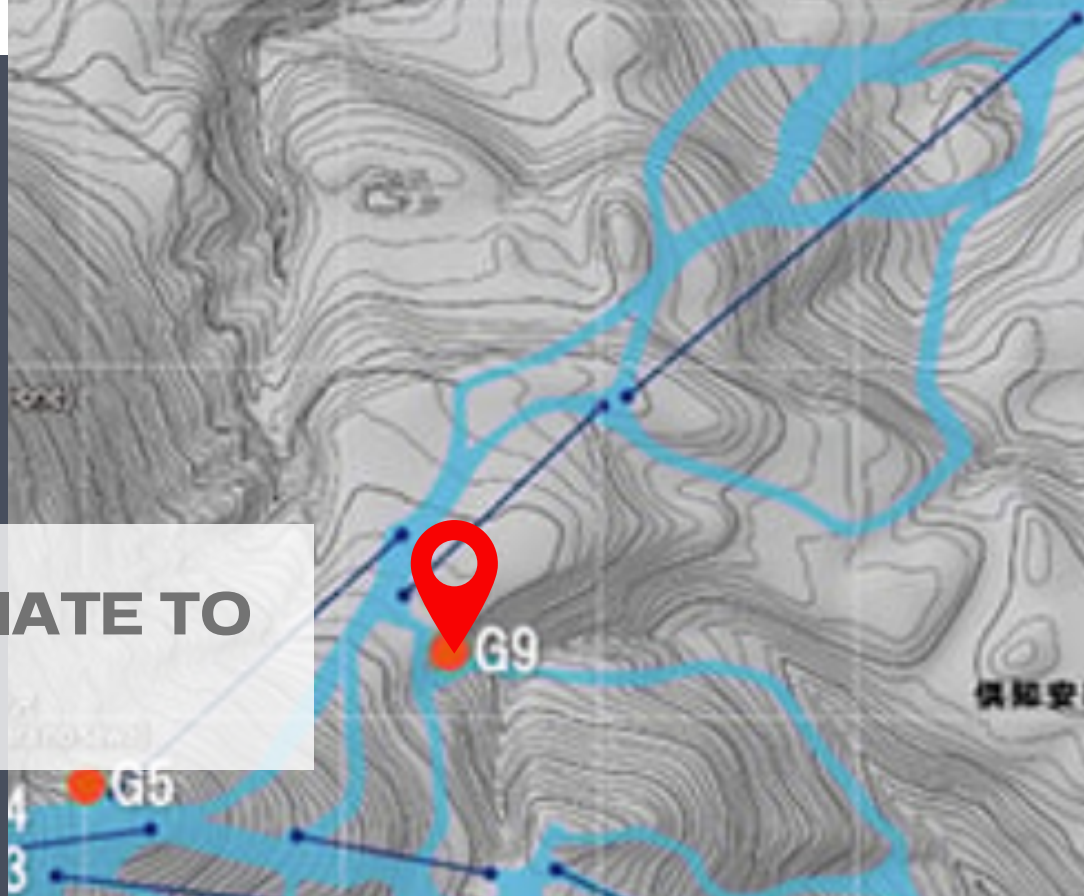
25° to 35°



Skiing



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WATERFALL

TERRAIN FEATURES

Spaced trees, wind-blown snow pockets, creek crossings at base, prominent waterfall drop area. Terrain can include rollers and a key waterfall hazard.

DESCRIPTION

Gate 9 is tucked between Hanazono 2 and Holiday Run. Short, playful lines with natural features, including a creek and waterfall drop that needs to be crossed.

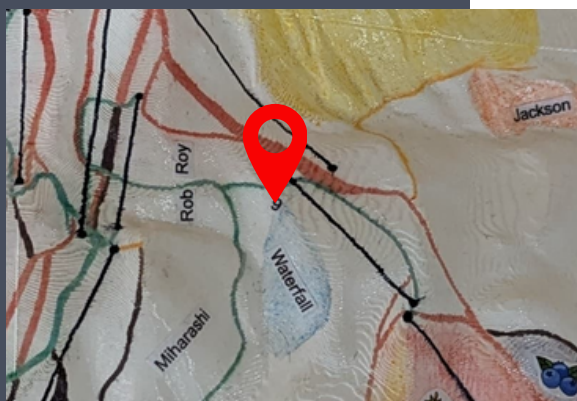
LOCATION Hanazono

EXPERT TIPS

Choose carefully where to cross the creek — the earlier you cross, the easier it is to exit. The farther you go, the longer the run will be.

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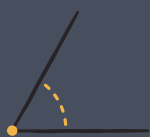


GATE 10

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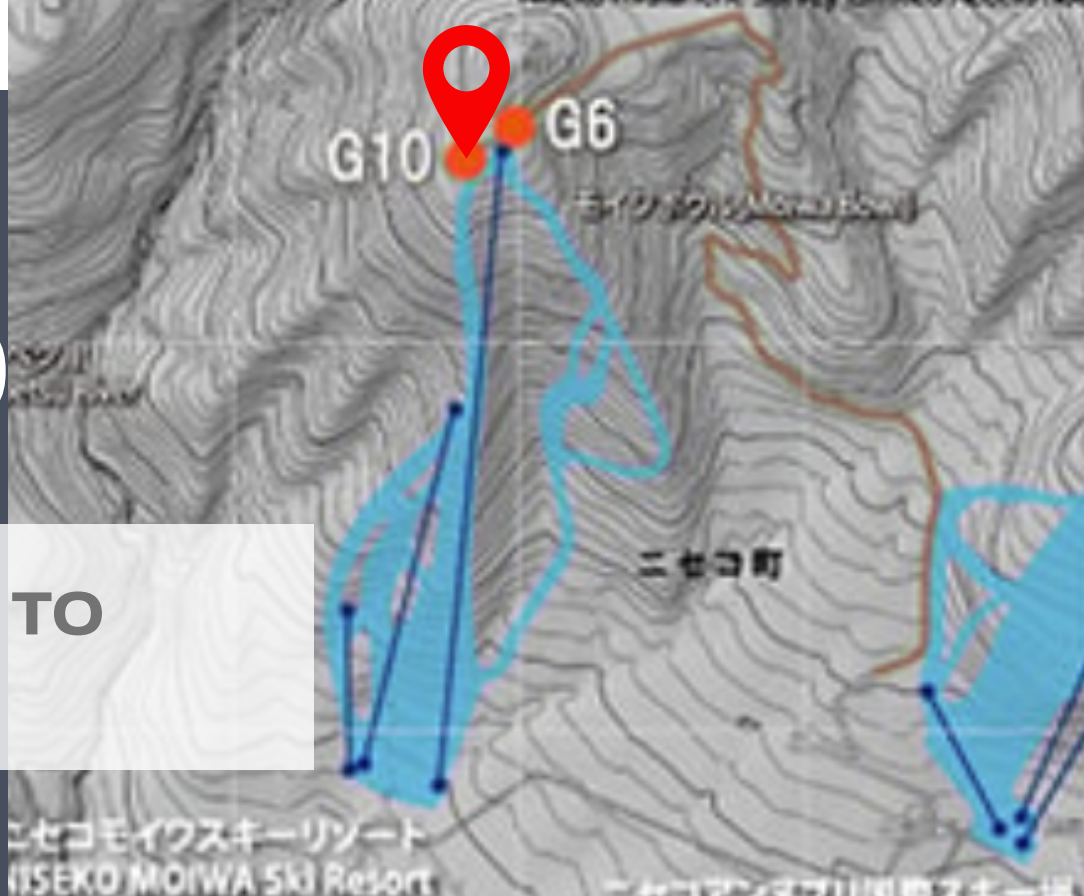
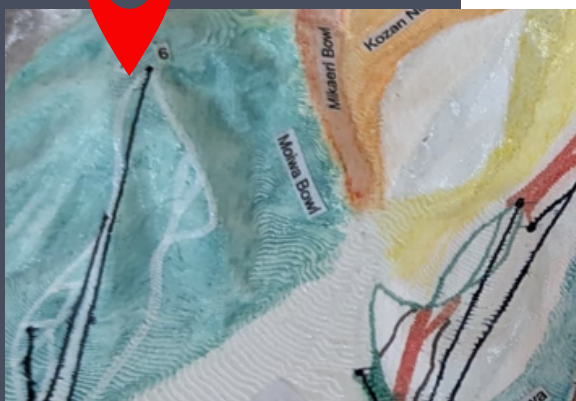
30° to 40°



Skiing



Traversing



MOIWA SIDECOUNTRY

TERRAIN FEATURES

Open powder bowls, tree glades, natural pillows and drops, ravine sections. Flat sections and traversing to exit.

DESCRIPTION

Gate 10 unlocks hidden Moiwa-side sidecountry terrain to the skier's right. It delivers deep powder and creative lines, but is more remote and requires commitment due to a lengthy return.

LOCATION Moiwa

EXPERT TIPS

Don't push too far or you'll need strong navigation to return. In-depth knowledge of the area and strong orientation skills are required.

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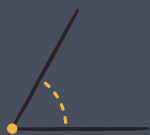
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GATE 11

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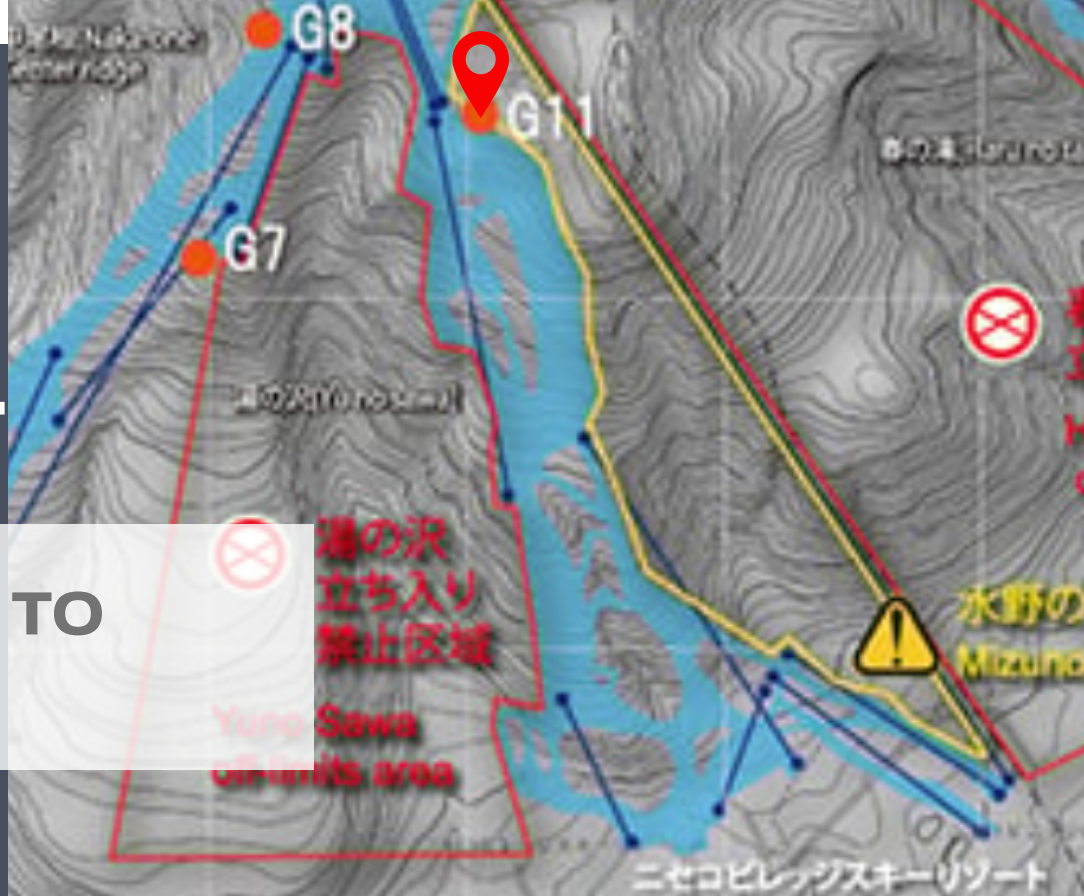
20° to 45°



Hiking



Skiing



MIZUNO NO SAWA

TERRAIN FEATURES

Open alpine bowls, tree glades, wind lips, natural half-pipes, and large cornices. Sheltered by trees and highly scenic.

DESCRIPTION

Niseko Village's dedicated sidecountry access, located next to the top of the Wonderland Chair. It offers deep powder lines that run directly beneath the gondola, covering nearly the full vertical drop of the resort. The terrain is long, steep, and ideal for multiple freeride laps on stormy days.

LOCATION Niseko Village

EXPERT TIPS

Carry full avalanche gear. Arrive early — the area is heavily sun-affected. Best enjoyed on cloudy days following a storm.

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