

Shimokura Ski Resort

Distance from Misawa: 131 Km

Driving Time: 2 ½ Hours

Skill Level: Beginner to Advanced

- ❑ From the Misawa Air Base Falcon (POL) gate (00 Km) go straight to the Michinoku Toll Road (approximately 6 Km from the gate). Turn left onto the toll road. After entering the toll road you'll soon come to a toll gate – pay the designated toll and pick up a toll ticket for the Tohoku Expressway.
- ❑ Continue to follow the Tohoku Expressway southbound. If you need a rest, the Oritsume Rest Area at a distance of 51.5 Km is a good place. It has clean (and western-style) restrooms, several vending machines, and a small convenience shop. From here continue southbound to the Matsuo-Hachimantai Exit (Exit #45) at a distance of 116 Km.
- ❑ Take the Matsuo-Hachimantai exit on the left side and follow it to the toll booth. Pay the toll and proceed ahead to a “T” intersection. Turn right at the intersection onto Route 45. There is a blue sign at this intersection showing Hachimantai to the right. Continue to follow Route 45 westward as it winds back and forth into the Hachimantai Valley. On a clear day you will be able to see Appi #2 Resort on the right and both Shimokura and Hachimantai resorts straight ahead and to the left. The route is marked occasionally with blue and white signs indicating Route 45 to Hachimantai. Approximately 11 Km after entering Route 45 you'll come to another “T” intersection for Route 23 with a white sign directly ahead. This sign is in English and shows Hachimantai Ski Resort 5.5 Km to the Left and Shimokura Ski Resort 4.5 Km to the left. Turn left at this intersection.
- ❑ After turning left onto Route 23 you'll pass through a small town. Continue straight through the town until you cross a bridge over a stream. Immediately after crossing the bridge there is a small road. Turn right here and follow this road westward. You'll pass through a small bed & breakfast village and a few parks as the road continues towards Hachimantai. At a distance of 130 Km you'll come to a “T” intersection with a large blue and white sign above the road showing Shimokura Ski area to the right and Hachimantai to the left. Turn right at this intersection and proceed straight across a large bridge over a river.
- ❑ After passing across the bridge you will see a blue and white arch gate on the other side of the road. This is the entrance for the Shimokura Ski Resort. Go straight through the gate and follow the road uphill to the resort. This road is icy and sometimes a bit hazardous depending on road and weather conditions so use caution when driving up and down. The total distance from Misawa to the Ski Lodge is 131 Km.



**Out-of-Bounds and under-the-lifts Skiing and Snowboarding is STRICTLY PROHIBITED
at all resorts in Japan.**

Distances indicated are approximations accurate to within a reasonable range. Odometer readings may vary slightly from one vehicle to another. Driving times may vary based on road conditions. Be prepared for harsh winter weather at all times!