Front and center at Kusatsu Onsen Ski Resort is the Tenguyama Slope, the resort’s main trail. As the resort’s first ski hill—it was opened in 1935—slaloming down Tenguyama allows you to connect with the history of skiing in Japan.

While it is a historic slope, it also offers plenty of fun challenges. Though it may look tame from the bottom, the slope’s upper Tengu no Kabe section is surprisingly steep. While this portion is best left to advanced skiers ready to tackle the 30-degree plunge, less experienced skiers can still enjoy the gentler bottom section of Tenguyama. Joined via other runs, this part of the piste is perfect for intermediate skiers as well as beginners.

On Saturdays and several other days throughout the season, the Tenguyama course is open late with a night-skiing pass for those who just can’t get enough powder during daylight hours.

Level: Easy, intermediate, and advanced

Course length: 450 meters

Average slope degree: 16 degrees

Maximum slope degree: 30 degrees