After dismounting from the chairlift have a good look around. On clear days, Mount Fuji is visible in the distance, wishing you luck from 140 kilometers away as you dash down the mountainside—and dash you will, thanks to the run’s maximum 28-degree slope, the second steepest on the mountain. Beginning 1,600 meters above sea level, Aobayama Dai-ichi is the highest slope at Kusatsu Onsen Ski Resort, so breathe deep and slalom into the powdery soft snow.

Level: Intermediate to advanced

Course Length: 250 meters

Average slope degree: 21 degrees

Maximum slope degree: 28 degrees