

The name of this trail translates as “Summer Road,” which may seem odd for a ski slope. In the days before mass transport, the Natsumichi Trail was an important transportation route that connected Kusatsu to Mount Shirane and beyond. As it was impassable during the winter season, the trail could be used only in snow-free months, leading to its summery name. However, nowadays the mountainside is dedicated solely to the pursuit of outdoor fun.

Curving down the mountain from the top of the Tenguyama lifts, the Natsumichi Trail snakes across the mountainside and under those same lifts to join the main Tenguyama Slope. Adjoining Tenguyama below the advanced-level Tengu no Kabe, this trail is appropriate for beginners and intermediate skiers, making it a good transition course for those ready to graduate from the gentle Family Slope.

Level: Intermediate

Course length: 600 meters

Average slope degree: 10 degrees

Maximum slope degree: 15 degrees