

Let's Explore!
World Heritage

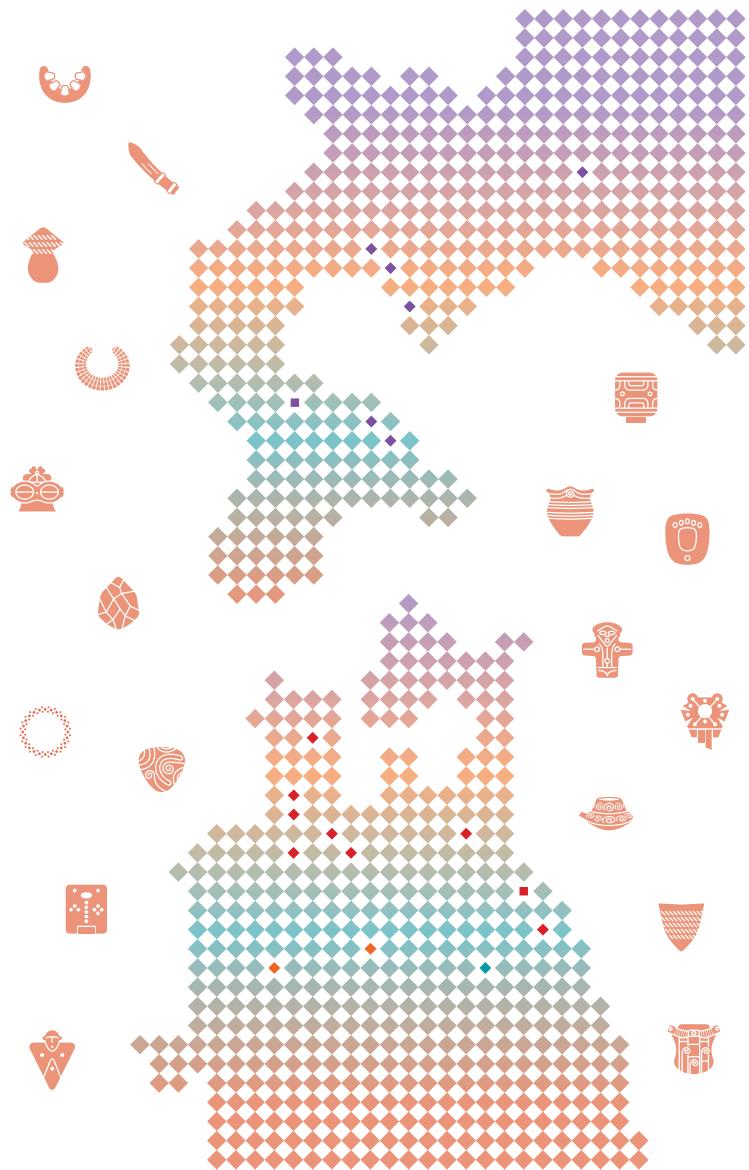


World Heritage site
Jomon Prehistoric Sites
in Northern Japan



Jomon Prehistoric Sites in Northern Japan

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Jomon Prehistoric Sites in Northern Japan
Inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2021



World Heritage site Jomon Prehistoric Sites in Northern Japan



The Jomon Prehistoric Sites in Northern Japan consist of 17 archaeological sites located in the southern part of Hokkaido Island and the northern part of the Honshu Island of the Japanese archipelago. This property is a valuable cultural heritage demonstrating the pre-agricultural way of life and complex spiritual culture of prehistoric people who lived based on hunting, fishing and gathering for a very long period of time, more than 10,000 years. Let's go on a trip around the Jomon prehistoric sites in Northern Japan!



● Component parts
□ Associated property

Official Website



World Heritage

The Jomon Prehistoric Sites in Northern Japan

<https://jomon-japan.jp/en>

Official Website for Kids
(only in Japanese)

"JOMON Guru Guru"



<https://jomon-japan.jp/kids>



The archeological site introduction icon in the pamphlet indicates the excavated artifact that represent each facility.

The numbers 1 to 10 and A1 to A6 are linked to the MAP numbers on the back.

Travel times are estimates; please head out with sufficient time.

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Japan's Largest Jomon Prehistoric Settlement
Special Historic Site
Sannai Maruyama Site MAP 1
Aomori City



A large hub settlement site comprising various facilities, and you can understand the Jomon prehistoric people's way of life and the environment at the time. A large number of pottery, stone tools, lacquered objects, clay figurines, jade, and obsidian, etc. have been excavated.

Sannai Maruyama Jomon Culture Center MAP P W

305 Maruyama, Sannai, Aomori City, Aomori Pref. 9:00~17:00 (Jun.-Sep.: until 18:00)
4th Mon., Year-end and New Year holidays 017-766-8282
Adults JPY 500 / University students JPY 250 / Children Free



Ritual Site with a Stone Circle Characterized by Complex Arrangement of Stones
Historic Site
Komakino Stone Circle MAP 2
Aomori City



A large scale stone circle characterized by flat stones aligned alternately in longitudinal and latitudinal directions, as if in a stone wall. The stone circle is as large as 55 m in diameter. Around the stone circle, pit graves have also been discovered, ritual artifacts such as triangular stone plates have been unearthed.

Aomori City Komakino Site Preservation Museum MAP P W

108-3 Sawabe, Nozawa, Aomori City, Aomori Pref. 9:00~17:00
Year-end and New Year holidays 017-757-8665 Free



Archaeological Site Excavated Pieces of the Oldest Pottery in Northeast Asia
Historic Site
Odai Yamamoto Site MAP 3
Sotogahama Town



The oldest pottery in Northeast Asia was excavated at this site. The use of pottery, which is not suitable for a mobile lifestyle, is eloquent evidence of the beginning of sedentary life. Stone arrowheads have also been unearthed here, which suggest that people started to use bows and arrows.

Odai Yamamoto Jomon Museum MAP P W

46-4 Kanita-Odaisawabe, Sotogahama town, Higashi Tsugaru-gun, Aomori Pref.
9:00~16:00 Mon., Year-end and New Year holidays 0174-22-2577
Adults JPY 300 / Free under-college students



Discover Art, History, and Seafood!
AOMORI・SOTOGAHAMA

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Aomori Museum of Art

Exhibits artworks related to the climate of Aomori Prefecture
9:30~17:00 (Jun.-Sep.: 9:00~18:00)
2nd and 4th Mon., Year-end and New Year holidays
017-783-3000



Aomori Gyosai Center (Fish Market)

Aomori resident's kitchen where you can taste Nokke-Don rice bowls
7:00~16:00
Tue.
017-763-0085



Ginger Miso Oden

Warm and addictive oden with a grated ginger miso broth



Nokke-Don Rice Bowl

A seafood rice bowl made with donburi rice and your favorite ingredients



Nebuta Museum WA-RASSE

Witness the history and charm of the Nebuta Festival all year round!
9:00~19:00 (Sep.-Apr.: until 18:00)
Aug. 9 and 10, Year-end and New Year holidays
017-752-1311



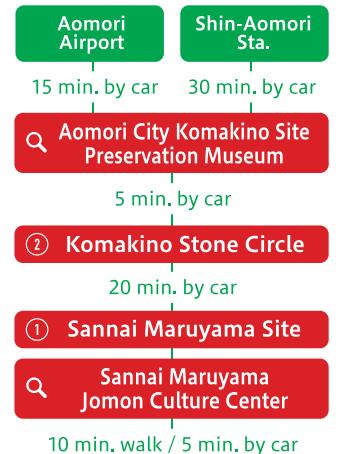
Aomori Jomon Information Center JOMOJOMO

You can learn 8 Jomon Prehistoric Sites in Aomori Prefecture visually with a diorama, AR video etc.
10:00~19:00 (Golden Week holidays and from Jun. to Sep.: until 20:00)
Year-end and New Year holidays, temporary maintenance closure
017-752-1191



AOMORI SOTOGAHAMA /
RECOMMENDED ROUTES

Day 1



Day 2





Stone Circle Nestled Near Mt. Iwaki

Historic Site

Omori Katsuyama Stone Circle

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Hirosaki City



A stone circle is located at the foot of Mt. Iwaki, and the sun sets on the summit of this mountain at the winter solstice. The size is 55 m in diameter. Disc-shaped stone objects used for the rituals and ceremonies have also been unearthed in and around the stone circle.

Susono District Physical Culture Exchange Center



8-9 Kutsuwa, Totsurazawa, Hirosaki City, Aomori Pref. 9:00~21:00 Closed from fall 2024 to March 2026

0172-99-7072 (about the exhibition: Hirosaki City Board of Education 0172-82-1642) ¥ Free

*From fall 2024 to March 2026, exhibited at Former Hirosaki City Library



Goggle-Eyed Clay Figurine in Shako-Chan's Hometown

Historic Site

Kamegaoka Burial Site

MAP

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Tsugaru City

ca. 1,000 BCE to 400 BCE



Famous for the discovery of goggle-eyed clay figurines. Numerous pit graves were built on the plateau. It is an archaeological site of a large cemetery site illustrating a high degree of spirituality. Varied burial goods have been unearthed from pit graves.

Tsugaru City Kizukuri Kamegaoka Archaeological Museum



195 Byobuzan, Kizukuri-Tateoka, Tsugaru City, Aomori Pref. 9:00~16:00 Mon., The day following a national holiday, Year-end and New Year holidays

0173-45-3450 Adults JPY 200 / High school and university students JPY 100 / Elementary and junior high school students JPY 50



Glycymeris Albolineata Bracelet Factory

Historic Site

Tagoyano Site

MAP

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Tsugaru City

ca. 4,000 BCE to 2,000 BCE



Valued for being one of the few shell mounds on the Sea of Japan side. Most of the excavated shells are from Japanese basket clams, but there are also dolphin and whale bones. Unfinished bracelets made of the shell of *Glycymeris albolineata* have been unearthed in great numbers. It is understood that shell bracelets were made here.

Tsugaru City Jomon Dwelling Museum



59-1 Kizukuri-Wakamidori, Tsugaru City, Aomori Pref. 9:00~16:00 Mon., The day following a national holiday, Year-end and New Year holidays

0173-42-6490 Adults JPY 200 / High school and university students JPY 100 / Elementary and junior high school students JPY 50



Exploring Tsugaru's Power Spots

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HIROSAKI・TSUGARU



Hirosaki Park / Hirosaki City Museum

Famous for sakura cherry blossoms in spring and koyo autumn leaves in fall. Hirosaki City Museum, within Hirosaki Park, is also recommended.

9:30~16:30 (Museum)

3rd Mon., Year-end and New Year holidays

Hirosaki Park 0172-33-8739

Hirosaki City Museum 0172-35-0700



Takaoka no mori Historical Museum of Hirosaki Clan

Exhibits valuable treasures related to the history and culture of the Hirosaki Clan

9:30~16:30

3rd Mon., Year-end and New Year holidays

0172-83-3110

Hirosaki Igamenchi Minced Squid Arm Patties

These fried and roasted minced squid arms and vegetables are a classic local Hirosaki dish



Kizukuri Station

The giant goggle-eyed clay figurine on the wall of the station is impressive!

Free

0173-23-5539

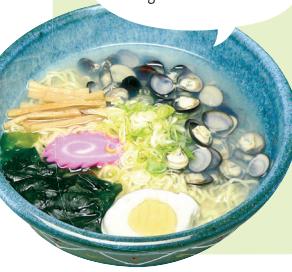


Takayama Inari Shrine

These thousands of bright red torii gates, all lined up, are a sight to behold

Free worship

0173-56-2015



Jusanko Shijimi (clam) Ramen

Rich umami ramen with shijimi extract spread throughout.



HIROSAKI TSUGARU / RECOMMENDED ROUTES

Day 1

Hirosaki Sta.

10 min. by car

B1 Hirosaki Park Hirosaki City Museum

25 min. by car

B2 Takaoka no mori Historical Museum of Hirosaki Clan Takateru Shrine

25 min. by car

④ Omori Katsuyama Stone Circle

10 min. by car

⑤ Susono District Physical Culture Exchange Center *currently closed

25 min. by car

B3 Kizukuri Station

15 min. by car

Goshogawara City

Day 2

Goshogawara City

15 min. by car

⑥ Tsugaru City Jomon Dwelling Museum

30 min. by car

⑦ Tsugaru City Kizukuri Kamegaoka Archaeological Museum

10 min. by car

⑧ Kamegaoka Burial Site

2 min. by car

⑨ Tagoyano Site

20 min. by car

B4 Takayama Inari Shrine

80 min. by car

Shin-Aomori Sta.

60 min. by car to the Hakkoda Mountains
90 min. by car to Oyu Stone Circles



Abundant Excavations of Beautiful Pot Shards and Lacquered Objects

Historic Site

Korekawa Site MAP 7

Hachinohe City

ca. 4,000 BCE to 400 BCE



This site has seen abundant excavations of beautiful pot shards and clay figurines. The lacquer objects in particular are famous for the large number of excellent pieces. The watering place on the lowlands lets you clearly see the village as it was at the time.

Korekawa Archaeological Institution



1 Yokoyama, Korekawa, Hachinohe City, Aomori Pref. 9:00 ~ 17:00 Mon., The day following a national holiday (except if that day falls on a Sat., Sun. or national holiday), Year-end and New Year holidays 0178-38-9511

Adults JPY 250 / High school and university students JPY 150 / Children Free



A Fishing Culture that Developed from the Sea's Blessings

Historic Site (Associated property)

Choshichiyachi Site MAP 8

Hachinohe City

ca. 6,000 BCE



A large shell mound from a warm period of marine transgression. The shell mound consists of clams and myoida, and fishhooks and harpoons with shafts were excavated, along with a great deal of fish bones.

Hachinohe City Museum



* From Oct 2025, temporary closure for renovation



35-1 Higashi-gamae, Nejo, Hachinohe City, Aomori Pref. 9:00 ~ 17:00 Mon., The day following a national holiday (except if that day falls on a Sat., Sun. or national holiday), Year-end and New Year holidays 0178-44-8111

Adults JPY 250 / High school and university students JPY 150 / Children Free



Settlement Site Showing Marine Transgression and Regression

Historic Site

Futatsumori Site MAP 9

Shichinohe Town

ca. 3,500 BCE to 2,000 BCE



Located on a hill overlooking Lake Ogawara, this is one of the largest-scale shell mounds in the Tohoku region. The lower layers contain shells of saltwater shellfishes and the upper layers contain those of brackish shellfishes, clearly reflecting the environmental changes due to marine transgression and regression.

Futatsumori shell Midden Museum



181-26 Hachimoritai, Shichinohe town, Kamikita-gun, Aomori Pref. 10:00 ~ 16:00 Mon., Year-end and New Year holidays 0176-68-2612

Free



Pacific Scenery and the Sea's Blessings

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HACHINOHE・SHICHINOHE



Hasshoku Center (Market)

Try all of Hachinohe's delicious seasonal foods!

9:00 ~ 18:00

Wed.

0178-28-9311

Tanesashi Coast

Various features to enjoy, such as Kabushima island, sandy beaches, and natural turf.

9:00 ~ 17:00 (Dec. - Mar.: until 16:00)

0178-51-8500 (Tanesashi Coast Information Center)

Hachinohe Maeoki Saba
These grandiose saba mackerel are said to be the most deliciously fatty in Japan!



Hachinohe Senbei Rice Cracker Soup

Soul food from the Nanbu region, the texture of these simmered senbei rice crackers make them super addictive



Tatehana Wharf Morning Market

A huge Sunday-only morning market with more than 300 shops

From Sunrise on Sun. to approx. 9:00 (mid-Mar.-Dec.)

080-5734-3251 (Minato Sunday Morning Market)

Misawa Aviation & Science Museum

Enjoy lots of aircraft exhibits and scientific experiments

9:00 ~ 17:00

Mon., Year-end and New Year holidays

0176-50-7777



HACHINOHE SHICHINOHE / RECOMMENDED ROUTES

Day 1

Hachinohe Sta.

15 min. by car

Hachinohe City Museum

10 min. by car

* From Oct 2025, temporary closure for renovation

C1 Hasshoku Center

25 min. by car

Korekawa Archaeological Institution

5 min. walk / a short drive

⑦ Korekawa Site

30 min. by car

C2 Tanesashi Coast

25 min. by car

C5 Miroku Yokochō (Drinking Alleyway)

A short walk

Day 2

Hachinohe City

10 min. by car

C3 Tatehana Wharf Morning Market

30 min. by car

⑧ Choshichiyachi Site

45 min. by car

C4 Misawa Aviation & Science Museum

40 min. by car

⑨ Futatsumori Site

3 min. by car

⑩ Futatsumori Shell Midden Museum

15 min. by car

Roadside Station Shichinohe

Takayama Uichi Memorial Museum of Art

A short walk

Shichinohe-Towada Sta.

15 min. by JR Shinkansen to Shin-Aomori Sta.
24 min. by JR Shinkansen to Ninohe Sta.



Abundant Forestry Resources and a Fire Ritual

Historic Site

Goshono Site

MAP

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IWATE

Ichinohe Town

ca. 2,500 BCE to 2,000 BCE



A hub settlement located on the river terrace near Mabechi River. The rituals and ceremonies of the time can be clearly seen such as pit graves with stone alignments, artificial earthen mounds with burned

Goshono Jomon Museum



2 Goshono, Iwadate, Ichinohe town, Ninohe-gun, Iwate Pref. 9:00 ~ 17:00
Mon., The day following a national holiday, Year-end and New Year holidays 0195-32-2652
Adults JPY 300 / University students JPY 200 / High school students and under: Free



A Trip to Think about History

ICHINOHE



Ruins of Kunohe Castle

The stage for Toyotomi Hideyoshi's final battle for unification

10:00 ~ 15:00 (Apr.-Nov.)
0195-23-3641



Ichinohe Tewaza Craft Museum

Produces Ichinohe Town's traditional handicrafts such as textiles, bamboo and woodworking
10:00 ~ 16:00 (Sat.-Sun.)
Weekdays
0195-33-3993

Vegetables and dairy products from Okunakayama Kogen Plateau

These high quality vegetables and milk are very popular



Former Honokidate Residence

A former private residence with a thatched roof, one of the largest in the Tohoku region

9:00 ~ 16:00
0195-32-2652

* From Aug 2025, temporary closure for renovation



Okunakayama Kogen Plateau

Year-round skiing and leisure activities. Has an onsen hot spring, and accommodations are available.
0195-35-3131

Kakke

Kneaded and rolled out soba buckwheat flour, a warm and simple traditional dish



RECOMMENDED ROUTES

Ninohe Sta.

10 min. by car

D1 Ruins of Kunohe Castle

15 min. by car

D2 Ichinohe Tewaza Craft Museum

10 min. by car

⑩ Goshono Site

⑨ Goshono Jomon Museum

15 min. by car

D3 Former Honokidate Residence

30 min. by car

D4 Okunakayama Kogen Plateau

10 min. by car to Iwate Galaxy Railway
Okunakayamakogen Sta.

30 min. by car to Iwate-Numakunai Sta.

80 min. by car to Morioka St.

60 min. by car to Korekawa Site

MAP

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A Large-Scale Ritual Site Comprising Two Regularly-Structured Stone Circles

Special Historic Site

Oyu Stone Circles

MAP

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Kazuno City



A typical ritual site with two large-scale stone circles, Manza and Nonakado. Many ritual tools, such as clay figurines, have also been unearthed. Especially, clay tablets representing numbers concept of Jomon prehistoric people is worth a look.

Oyu Stone Circles Museum



45 Manza, Oyu, Towada, Kazuno City, Akita Pref. 9:00 ~ 18:00 (Nov.-Mar.: until 16:00)
Mon. from Nov. to Mar., Year-end and New Year holidays 0186-37-3822
Adults JPY 320 / Students up to high school JPY 110



Ritual Site with Four Adjacent Stone Circles

Historic Site

Isedotai Stone Circles

MAP

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ca. 2,000 BCE to 1,700 BCE



A ritual site composed of four stone circles, the largest one being about 45m in diameter. Pillar-supported structures and storage pits were distributed around each stone circle. A large number of ritual tools have also been excavated.

Isedotai Jomon Museum



100-1 Ogata Nakata, Wakigami, Kitaakita City, Akita Pref. 9:00 ~ 17:00
Mon., Year-end and New Year holidays 0186-84-8710 Free



A Warm, Relaxing, and Healing Trip

KAZUNO・KITAAKITA



Akita dog Visitor Center

Come and see the cute Akita dogs that have been designated as a national natural treasure!
9:00 ~ 17:00
Year-end and New Year holidays
0186-59-4649



Roadside Station Oyu

"Engawa" is an area connecting people with each other, where you can enjoy cafes and footbaths!
9:00 ~ 17:00
9:00 ~ 17:00
0186-22-4184



Hinai Jidori Chicken Oyakodon Rice Bowl

One of Japan's three major chicken breeds, a first-class product with both great taste and aroma.

SIGHTSEEING
KAZUNO KITAAKITA /
RECOMMENDED ROUTES

Odate-Noshiro Airport (-IC)

5 min. by car

⑫ Isedotai Stone Circles

30 min. by car

E1 Akita dog Visitor Center

60 min. by car

⑪ Oyu Stone Circles

10 min. by car

E2 Roadside Station Oyu

30 min. by car to Lake Towada
80 min. by car to Goshono Site



Hub Settlement Site with Developed Large-Scale Ritual Place

Historic Site

Ofune Site

MAP

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Hakodate City



A hub settlement on a hill facing the Pacific Ocean. It comprised various facilities such as large-scale pit dwellings, storage pits, graves and large artificial earthen mounds. A large number of pot shards and stone tools have been accumulated in the mounds. It is thought that rituals and

※ closed for the Year-end and New Year holidays

Hakodate Jomon Culture Center



551-1 Usujiri-cho, Hakodate City, Hokkaido 9:00 ~ 17:00 (Nov. – Mar.: until 16:30)

Mon., last Fri., Year-end and New Year holidays

0138-25-2030 Adults JPY 300 / Students JPY 150



Settlement Site Demonstrating Separation between Residential Area and Burial Area

Historic Site

Kakinoshima Site

MAP

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Hakodate City



The residential area and burial area were separated, which had distinguished between daily space and special space. Clay tablets with children's footprints were buried in graves. After that, huge artificial earthen mounds were also constructed as a ritual place.

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Stone Circle Overlooking Mt. Komagadake

Historic Site (Associated property)

Washinoki Stone Circle

MAP

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Mori Town



The largest stone circle in Hokkaido, at about 37 meters in diameter. A pit burial area with several graves is located on the southern side. Clay objects resembling squid have also been found around the stone circle.

*Only open on tour days.

Mori Town Office for Archaeological Excavation and Research



292-24 Morikawa-cho, Mori town, Kayabe-gun, Hokkaido 9:00 ~ 16:00

Weekends, Public Holidays, Year-end and New Year holidays

01374-3-2240 Free



A Port Town where East Meets West



HAKODATE • MORI



G1



G2

Mt. Hakodate

Look out over the night view between Hakodate Bay and the Tsugaru Strait!

① Ropeway 10:00 ~ 22:00 (Oct. – Late Apr.: until 21:00)

0138-23-3105 (Mt. Hakodate Ropeway)



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Salt-broth Ramen

A clear and crisp taste with a traditional soup broth



Goryokaku Park

A nationally designated special historic site that becomes a famous sakura cherry blossom spot in spring

② 5:00 ~ 19:00 (Nov. – Mar.: until 18:00)

0138-51-4785 (Goryokaku Tower)

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Kayabe-no-Kuribayashi (Aobagaoka Park)

The chestnut forest with more than 130 magnificent trees that are over 200 years old (Cultural property designated by Hokkaido)



HAKODATE MORI / RECOMMENDED ROUTES

Day 1

Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Sta.

60 min. by car

Roadside Station Shikabe Kanketsu-en-koen

30 min. by car

⑯ Ofune Site

10 min. by car

⑰ Kakinoshima Site

Hakodate Jomon Culture Center

80 min. by car

⑯ Mt. Hakodate

20 min. by car

⑯ Daimon Yokochō (Drinking Alleyway)

5 min. by car

Hakodate City

Day 2

Hakodate City

5 min. by car

⑯ Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse

15 min. by car

⑯ Goryokaku Park

80 min. by car

Mori Town Office for Archaeological Excavation and Research

10 min. by car

⑯ Kayabe-no-Kuribayashi (Aobagaoka Park)

15 min. by car

⑯ Washinoki Stone Circle

*Only open on tour days.

50 min. by car

Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Sta.

To Lake Toya 120 min. by car
to Irie Site / Takasago Burial Site