

Reviving the Old Provinces of Yayoi

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Historical
Site

Mukibanda Site



Tottori Prefectural Mukibanda Historical Park



Reviving the Old Provinces of Yayoi Where the Yayoi Era Comes Alive!

[Yayoi Field Museum]

Mukiniyama District
Mukibanda Forest provided abundant blessings to the Yayoi people. Enjoy trekking in the mountains while viewing the scenery.
It is 15-20 min from Yayoi Mukibanda Hall

Sentani District
The biggest Mukibanda tomb belonging to a chieftain was discovered in this district. The Japan Sea and Yumigahama can be viewed from here; and on a clear day, the Oki Islands can be seen in the distance.
Sentani Tombs (Early 2nd to early 3rd Century)
Seven burial mounds of village leaders were excavated in Sentani District (dating back to early 3rd to early 2nd Century). The Japan Sea and Shimane Peninsula can be viewed from here.
It is 50-60min from Yayoi Mukibanda Hall

Dounohara District
Enjoy looking at houses and storehouses that formed this Yayoi village, along with the chieftain's grave that overlooks a magnificent landscape.
Dounohara Tombs (Late 1st Century)
It is 5min from Yayoi Mukibanda Hall
Mud Roofed Pit Dwellings & Raised Floor Storehouses (Late 2nd Century)
Authentic mud roofed houses have been restored through the use of supporting pillars, axes, rods and tools of the Yayoi people.

Yayoi Settlement Scenic Course 2
Moat Enclosure (late first century)
Soil layer specimens taken from accumulated soil in moat enclosure are displayed at the Research Building's Planning & Exhibition Room.
Inside the Mud Roofed Houses (Late 2nd Century)
These pit dwellings have gutters all around them for drainage, with an underground drainage facility that discharges water outside from inside the house. The roof wall is made of woven cedar bark with wickerwork pattern.

Other Sites:
Oubono Oka (Imperial Tomb Hill) & Mukibanda Forest Hiking Course
It is 30-40min from Yayoi Mukibanda Hall
Yayoi Mukibanda Hall
Multipurpose Recreational Space
Rest Shelter
Yayoi Settlement Scenic Course 1
View from Dounohara District
It is 25-30min from Yayoi Mukibanda Hall

Against the backdrop of the majestic scenery of Yumigahama Peninsula and Japan Sea, Mukibanda Historical Park presents restored Yayoi villages, tombs, dwelling sites and the Mukibanda Forest which brought abundant blessings to the Yayoi people. You can tour, hike, or try starting a fire, make ancient Magatama accessories, and enjoy excavating.

Mushi Forest
Hollows in the ground
Approximately 2000 year old pit dwelling remains in the Yayoi Forest are preserved and seen as hollows in the ground.
Visit Yayoi Village, see the forests, and have fun at the Excavation Activity Area!

Mukiyama District
See and feel the Yayoi Village come alive. Excavated relics and ruins can be seen up close at the Archeological Exhibition Center.
Yayoi's Golden Age Restored (Late 2nd Century)
Mukiyama Raised Floor Storehouses (Late 2nd Century)
Restored houses and Raised Floor Storehouses of the late 2nd Century will take you back to everyday life of Yayoi people as you enjoy walking through this village.

Other Sites:
Mushu Forest
Hollows in the ground
Keyhole-Shaped Tomb Mound
Hollows in the ground
Yayoi Forest Trail
Yayoi Village Experience Course
Dougu Forest
Archeological Exhibition Center
It is 10min from Yayoi Mukibanda Hall
Excavation Activity Area
Exhibition of Pit Dwellings
Inside this white shelter, three pit dwellings originally built in the latter half of the 2nd Century to early 3rd Century have been preserved in the original state in which they were discovered in excavation. From the Observation Deck you can see the Restored Yayoi Village's stretched below and also Japan Sea can be viewed from the distance.

Legend:
Restored Houses
Reconstructed Skeleton House
Restored Storehouse
Restored Burial Mound
Information Board
Lookout Point
Tour Path

Scale: 0, 100, 200m

[Various artifacts unearthed]

The Mukibanda Remains reveal Yayoi people's spiritual world, how they lived their everyday lives, and their exchanges with neighboring regions and the Asian continent from the 1st Century BC to the early 3rd Century AD.

◎Yayoi People's Lifestyle◎

Earthenware for everyday life



Artifacts used for everyday life such as jars, pots, cups and bowls, were excavated from areas around pit dwellings and moat enclosure. Traces of soot and burnt fragments can be found in pots used for cooking.

Various tools made of stone



Stone knives (for reaping rice stalks), stone axes (for logging), hammer stones, stone plates and grinding stones (for crushing tree nuts), fishing weights, and arrowheads (for hunting) are some of the many stone tools uncovered.

Beads and Bead Making



Green tuff ornaments, jasper tube beads, incomplete artifacts, blue or navy blue colored glass beads and tube beads were uncovered.

◎The Spiritual World of Yayoi People◎

Enshrined Earthenware

Offerings of pots and jars were found at Sentani's Grave No. 5. These earthenware were colored in red, painted with special patterns and placed on earthenware stands.



Painted Earthenware and Carved Lines in Grindstones

Earthenware with paintings of people who performed rituals and geometric patterned arcs, called *Kotaimon*, carved in grindstones were found.



◎Exchanges with Neighboring Regions◎

Iron tools that changed everyday life



Over 400 iron artifacts were found in the Mukibanda Remains, mostly instruments used for woodwork or construction tools such as axes (for processing wood), planers (for shaping wood) and knives.

Valuable Bronze Ware

Unearthed broken Chinese mirror finely shaped and polished.



[Excavated Yayoi Settlements]

The Mukibanda Remains stretch over a vast area on the hill ridge where traces of Yayoi people's lifestyle have been left intact. Over 900 buildings and 30 grave mounds have been discovered, which reflect a line from the Chinese historical book, *Gishiwajinden*, "A province dependent on the mountains and islands".

Dounohara District, Western Hills



This large ditch dug around the top of a hill (called a moat enclosure) is 65 meters in diameter and was constructed in the mid-1st century. The trench measures 4 to 5 meters in width and is over 2 meters deep.

Sentani District



In the 2nd century, this burial area is believed to have been the next to be constructed after the burial mounds of the Dounohara District, Eastern Hills. A total of 7 graves have been discovered here including two four-cornered Yayoi burial mounds. Of these 7 graves of Sentani Area, 22 burial pits (burial facilities) for box shaped coffins were discovered in Grave no. 3.

Mukiniiyama District

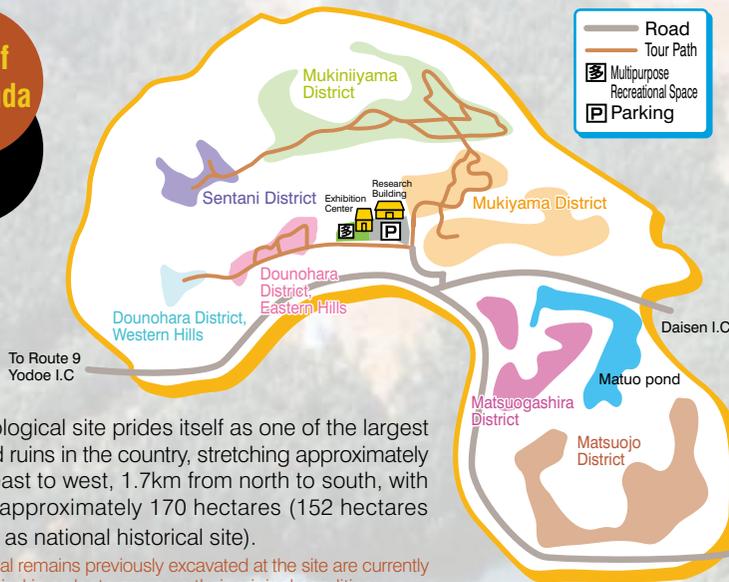
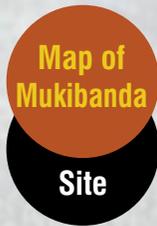


This district flourished during the late 1st and early 2nd centuries, before the Mukibanda's height of prosperity.

Mukiuyama District



This is one of the districts in the central area where most of the relics and remains from the village's golden era (late 2nd Century) were discovered. In addition to Pit Dwellings, circular, roundcorner, and various other shaped buildings have been uncovered.



This archaeological site prides itself as one of the largest Yayoi Period ruins in the country, stretching approximately 2km from east to west, 1.7km from north to south, with an area of approximately 170 hectares (152 hectares designated as national historical site).

※The structural remains previously excavated at the site are currently being reburied in order to preserve their original condition.

Dounohara District, Eastern Hills



Here 25 graves constructed over a 100 year period from the late 1st to the early 2nd century have been found. Among these graves are some four-cornered Yayoi burial mounds, in which the four corners of the otherwise rectangular grave protrude sharply outward. These are one example of grave here with shapes very unique to the Japan Sea Coast.

Matsuogashira District



Large-scale pit dwellings, square-shaped building with 24 pillars, and a Chinese mirror were unearthed here. This was perhaps the village of influential person's residential compound. Two square burial mounds constructed in the 3rd Century were also found.

Matsujojo District



Located on the highest point of ruins with an altitude of 150-180 meters. Pit dwellings and pillar-supported structure remains from late 2nd to 3rd Century were found.

Tour options and approximate time required

Yayoi Mukibanda Hall : Approx. 30mins (approx. 12mins at theatre & a 20min talk on Mukibanda Remains at Exhibition Room)

Yayoi Settlement Scenic Course 1 (40-50mins)
(Dounohara District, Eastern Hills)

Dounohara District, Eastern Hills
Yodoe Plains & Yumigahama Peninsula View

Dounohara Burial Mounds

Raised Floor Storehouse · Mud Roofed Pit Dwelling · Pit Dwelling Skeletal Restoration



Yayoi Settlement Scenic Course 2 (90mins)
Dounohara District

Dounohara District, Eastern Hills
Yodoe Plains & Yumigahama Peninsula View

Raised Floor Storehouses of Dounohara District, Western Hills

Moat Enclosure

Mud Roofed & Grass Roofed Houses

Dounohara Burial Mounds

Raised Floor Storehouse · Mud Roofed Pit Dwelling · Pit Dwelling Skeletal Restoration

Yayoi Village Experience Course (60mins)
(Mukiuyama District)

Mukiuyama Raised Floor Storehouses, Mud-Roofed Houses, & Restored Skeleton Pit dwelling

Excavation Activity Area

Archeological Exhibition Center & View of Yayoi Village (Rest Area)



Oubono Oka (Imperial Tomb Hill) & Mukibanda Forest Hiking Course (120-150 mins)
(Sentani, Mukiuyama & Mukiuyama Districts)

Yayoi Forest Rest Shelter (Rest Area)

Yayoi Forest Trail

Lookout Point

Kinomi Forest

Rest Shelter (Rest Area)

Sentani Burial Mounds & view of Japan Sea

Mukiuyama Raised Floor Storehouses, Mud-Roofed Houses, & Restored Skeleton Pit dwelling

Yayoi Mukibanda Hall

Volunteer Guide

- ◆ **Available Period** : April to November (no reservation required)
Weekdays : 13:30
Weekends and Holidays : 10:30/13:30

If you would like guide services outside the available period, please make a reservation one week in advance.

For group tours, please make a reservation one week in advance.

Reservations can be made online!



Guide service is free

Experience Ancient Lifestyle Activities!

- ◆ **Period** : Weekends from late April to the end of November / Summer Holidays (mid-July to end of August) 10:00-16:00
Last registration at 15:30.
Groups that would like to register for ancient lifestyle activities should inquire in advance.

◆ Fees and Material Costs

- Fire starting : Free
- Jewelry Making : 350-550 yen (depending on the type of stones)
- Stone Knife Making : 350 yen
- Clay Flute Making : 350 yen
- Mirror Making : 800 yen



Access Map



Yonago Expressway
Yonago Interchange

Sanin Expressway
Yodoe Interchange

Yonago Kitaro Airport

50 mins by car; 35 mins/570 yen by connection bus;
30 mins by JR Sakai Line

JR Yonago Station

15 mins/230 yen; 400 yen from JR Yonago Kitaro Airport Station

JR Tottori Station

2 hrs/1450 yen

JR Yodoe Station

5 mins by seasonal "Donguri Bus"
5 mins by taxi /1000 yen

Mukibanda Historical Park

Tottori Prefectural Mukibanda Historical Park Information

Opening hours 9:00-17:00 (no entry after 16:30)

Regular closure Fourth Monday of every month (or the following day in the case of a national holiday)
Year End and New Year Holidays (December 29 to January 3)

Admission Free

Parking capacity 60 cars
3 buses



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