

Jomon Theater



Introductory video on the site is shown.
 "Invitation to a Wonderful Place (Mahoroba Faraway)" (6 minutes)
 "Chestnut Tree Country : Sannai-Maruyama Jomon Village" (15 minutes)

Volunteer Guides

Free guided tours are available during the following hours.
 For reservations on guided group tours, please contact below.

Timetable of guided tours

9:15, 10:00,
 11:00, 12:00,
 13:00, 14:00,
 15:00, *15:30



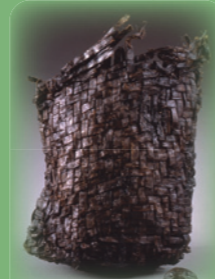
From April to September
 *Last guided tour at 4:00 p.m. instead of 3:30 p.m.
 Sannai-Maruyama Support Group
 TEL:017-766-8282 / FAX:017-766-2365

Sanmaru Museum

Important cultural properties such as large board – shaped clay figurines and a Jomon *pochette* (woven basket) and recreations of the daily lives of Jomon people are displayed.



large Jade Bead



Jomon *pochette* (Important Cultural Property)



Large Board-shaped Clay Figurine (Important Cultural Property)



A Jomon family



Jomon Pottery



Cross-section of a Mound

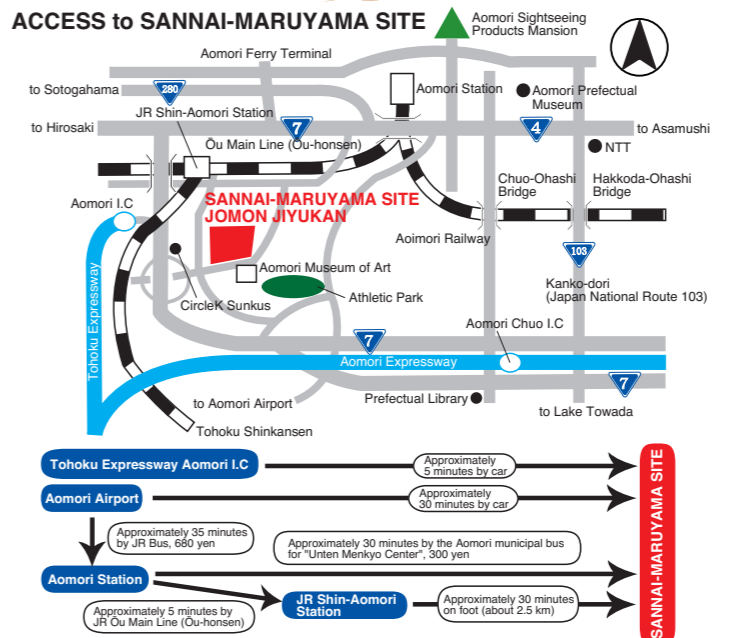
General Information / Entrance Hall

Please do not hesitate to ask about the museum and the site.



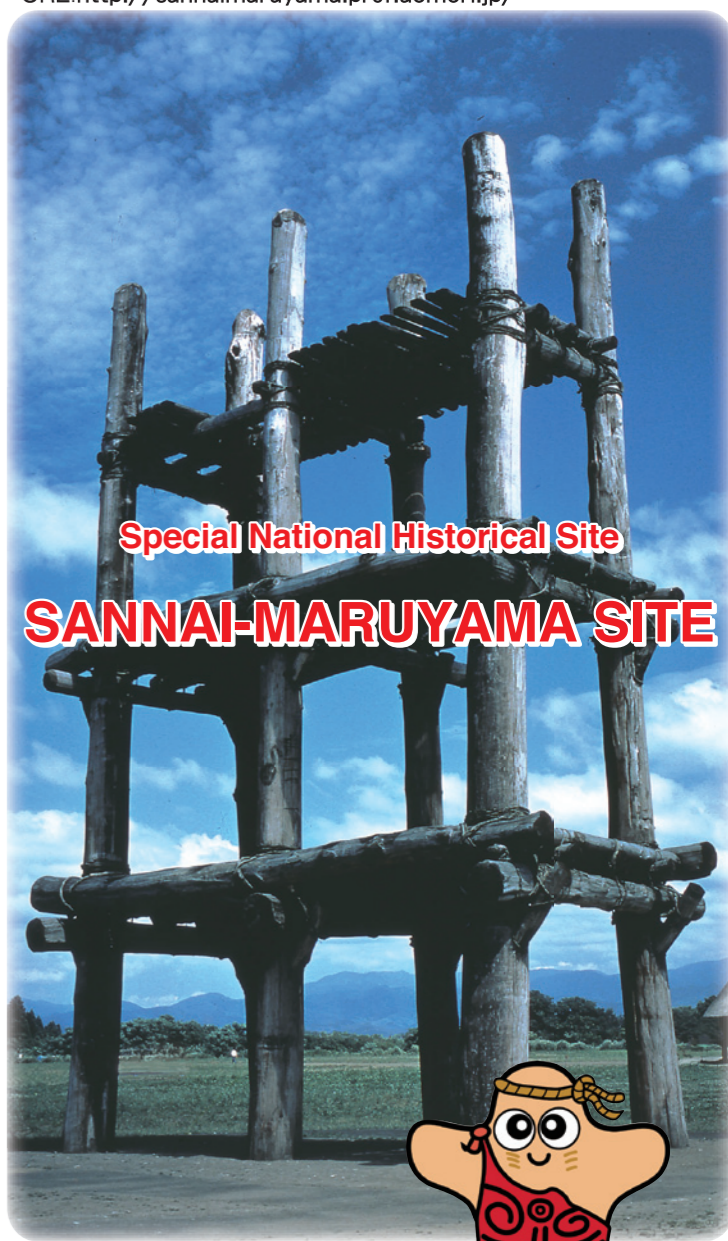
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URL: <http://sannaimaruyama.pref.aomori.jp/>

Special National Historical Site SANNAI-MARUYAMA SITE



Sannai-Maruyama Site Mascot "Sanmaru"

Aomori Prefectural Board of Education

Hokusaikan Store (Gift Shop)



We sell Aomori souvenirs.
 TEL:017-766-4261 / FAX:017-766-4321

"Gosen-nen no Hoshi" Restaurant



We serve special menus with Jomon ingredients.
 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., last order (2:00p.m. during winter season)
 Drinks, ice cream: 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., last order
 TEL:017-782-5001 / FAX:017-782-5021

Workshops

You can experience ancient techniques of the Jomon period.
 Materials are sold in the museum shop.



- Menu (time required)
- Jomon *pochette* (about 2 hours)
 - Knitted cloth (*Angin*) (about 2 hours)
 - Board-shaped Clay Figurine (about 2 hours)
 - Replicated Amber Pendant (about 1 hour)
 - Curved Bead (*Magatama*) (about 1 hour)
 - Miniature Clay Figurine (about 1 hour)
 - Braid (*Kumihimo*) and *Fire making (about 1 hour)
- *Menu for groups

Museum Shop

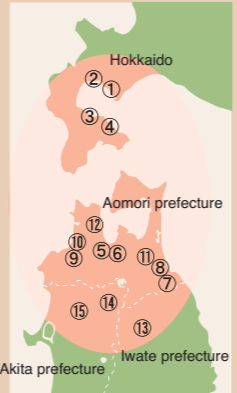


We sell books and Jomon goods related to the Sannai-Maruyama Site.

Making "Jomon Archaeological Sites in Hokkaido and Northern Tohoku" a World Heritage Site

URL http://www.net.pref.aomori.jp/aomori_jomon/index.html

Aomori Prefecture is aiming to register the "Jomon Archaeological Sites in Hokkaido and Northern Tohoku" which include the Sannai-Maruyama Site as a World Heritage Site. On January 5 2009, it was temporarily listed in the UNESCO World Heritage Site list. We look forward to your continued support in the future.



List of member sites in the Jomon Archaeological Sites in Hokkaido, Northern Tohoku, and other regions

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| ① Kitakogane Shell mound (Date-shi, Hokkaido) | ⑤ Sannai-Maruyama Site (Aomori-shi, Aomori prefecture) |
| ② Irie and Takasago Shell mounds (Toyako-Cho, Hokkaido) | ⑥ Komakino Site (Aomori-shi, Aomori prefecture) |
| ③ Washinoki Site (Mori-machi, Hokkaido) | ⑦ Korekawa Site (Hachinohe-shi, Aomori prefecture) |
| ④ Ofune Site (Hakodate-shi, Hokkaido) | ⑧ Choshichiyachi Shell mound (Hachinohe-shi, Aomori prefecture) |
| ⑨ Goshono Site (Ichinohe-machi, Iwate prefecture) | ⑨ Kamegaoka Site (Tsugaru-shi, Aomori prefecture) |
| ⑩ Oyu Stone Circle (Kazuno-shi, Akita prefecture) | ⑩ Tagoyano Shell mound (Tsugaru-shi, Aomori prefecture) |
| ⑪ Isedotai Site (Kitaakita-shi, Akita prefecture) | ⑪ Futatsumori Shell mound (Shichinohe-machi, Aomori prefecture) |
| | ⑫ OdaiYamamoto I Site (Sotogahama-machi, Aomori prefecture) |



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General Information and Contact for Inquiries

- Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Entry up to 30 minutes before closing time) (Open till 6:00 p.m. during Golden Week and between June 1 and September 30)
- Closed : December 30 - January 1 (Closed for maintenance and inspection)
- Free entry, no smoking, and no eating and drinking (eating and drinking are allowed at the picnic area)

Site and Jomon Jiyukan (Park Center)

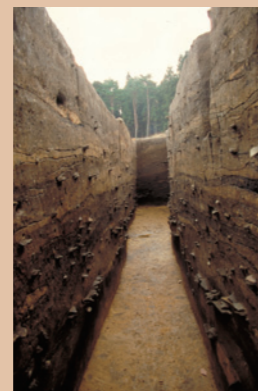
Sannai-Maruyama Historical Site Preservation and Utilization Promotion Office, Cultural Properties Protection Division, Aomori Prefectural Board of Education
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The Sannai-Maruyama is a famous site which had been known since the Edo Period. Excavation survey which was started in 1992 revealed a large settlement of the Early and Middle Jomon Period (about 5,500 to 4,000 years ago).

Many pit-dwellings, pillar-supported buildings, mounds, burial pits and jars, as well as numerous number of pottery and stone implements, wooden objects, bone and antler artifacts were discovered.

Given to its significance ahead, Aomori Prefectural Government decided to preserve this site in 1994.



① South Mound

A large amount of potsherds and stone implements, clay figurines, jade beads, etc. were disposed together with the soil and formed a mound for over 1000 years. You can see its cross-section here.



② Pit-Dwellings

The floor was dug below the ground level. A hearth was located in the center. At least 550 pit-dwellings have been discovered so far and 15 have been reconstructed.



③・⑤ Large Pit-Dwellings

Large pit-dwellings of more than 10 meters in diameter were discovered. We show a longhouse (⑤) of Middle Jomon Period measuring 32 meters in length and an oval dwelling (③) of Early Jomon measuring 15 meters in diameter. Scholars suggest that these dwellings functioned as meeting halls, workshops or communal houses.



④ Pillar-Supported Buildings

These types of buildings can be identified by postholes dug below the ground. They are found clustered in the center of the site. We reconstructed them to be raised-floor buildings.



⑫ Stone Arrangements with Burials

These are graves surrounded by large stones. They are found along the southwest side of the road remains. The stones are regularly placed horizontally and vertically. They were built in the Middle Jomon Period.



Sannai-Maruyama Village View



Burial Pits and Remains of Roads (The burial pits are marked by the white lines, and the road remains are illustrated by the yellow-shaded area)

⑥ Adult Graves (Burial Pits)

Adults were buried in graves dug into the ground. These burial pits were placed along both sides of the road. Approximately 500 have been discovered.



⑩・⑪ Large Pillar-Supported Building

We reconstructed this remain as a 6-pillared rectangular building. The six postholes which measure about 2 meters both in diameter and depth were placed at 4.2 meters apart. They are larger than of the other buildings. Remains of chestnut posts measuring about 1 meter in diameter were preserved in the postholes.



Chestnut post



⑧ North Mound

A lot of potsherds and stone implements were disposed together with the soil at the North Mound. The wide distribution of broken potsherds can be observed here.

⑨ Child Graves (Burial Jars)

We assume that the bodies of children were buried in jars. These jars are either with holes drilled in the bottom or bottomless. Some of them contain one or two fist-sized cobbles. More than 800 have been discovered so far.



⑦ North Valley (Peat Layer)

The valley was a dumping place. Since this area was wetland in anaerobic condition, wooden objects, animal and fish bones, nuts and seeds of plants, were all well preserved.

Chronological Table

Years	Period	Major Sites in Aomori Prefecture
About 13,000 years ago About 9,000 years ago About 6,000 years ago	Paleolithic Period	Tamukai Hi Yamizu Site (Hachinohe-shi)
	Incipient	Odai Yamamoto I Site (Sotogahama-machi)
		Choshichiyachi Shell Mound (Hachinohe-shi)
About 5,000 years ago	Early	Tagoyano Shell Mound (Tsugaru-shi)
		Ishigami Site (Tsugaru-shi)
	Middle	Futatsumori Shell Mound (Shichinohe-machi)
About 4,000 years ago About 3,000 years ago	Late	Komakino Site (Aomori-shi)
		Kazahari (1) Site (Hachinohe-shi)
About 2,300 years ago	Final	Kamegaoka Site (Tsugaru-shi)
		Korekawa Site (Hachinohe-shi)
Yayoi Period		Tareyanagi Site (Inakadate-mura)



Map

We started the maintenance and public viewing project of Sannai-Maruyama in 1995, and the Jomon Jiyukan was opened in November 2002. Sannai-Maruyama Site was registered as a national historical site in March 1997, as a special national historical site in November 2000, and 1958 artifacts were registered as important cultural properties in May 2003. Aomori Prefecture will continue to preserve and maintain the Sannai-Maruyama Site as a park where visitors can experience the Prehistoric "Village" life of the Jomon Period.