

Special National Historic Site

SANNAI-MARUYAMA SITE

Welcome to Sannai-Maruyama Village!

"The Sannai-Maruyama Site has been well-known since the Edo Period. The excavation which began in 1992 revealed a large settlement from the Early and Middle Jomon Period (approx. 3,900 to 2,200 B.C., 5,900 to 4,200 B.P.).

Many pit buildings, pillar-supported buildings, mounds, and burial pits and jars were unearthed along with numerous pieces of pottery and stone implements, precious wooden objects, and objects made from bone and antlers.

Given the significance of the site, Aomori Prefecture decided in 1994 to take up responsibility for the preservation Sannai-Maruyama."

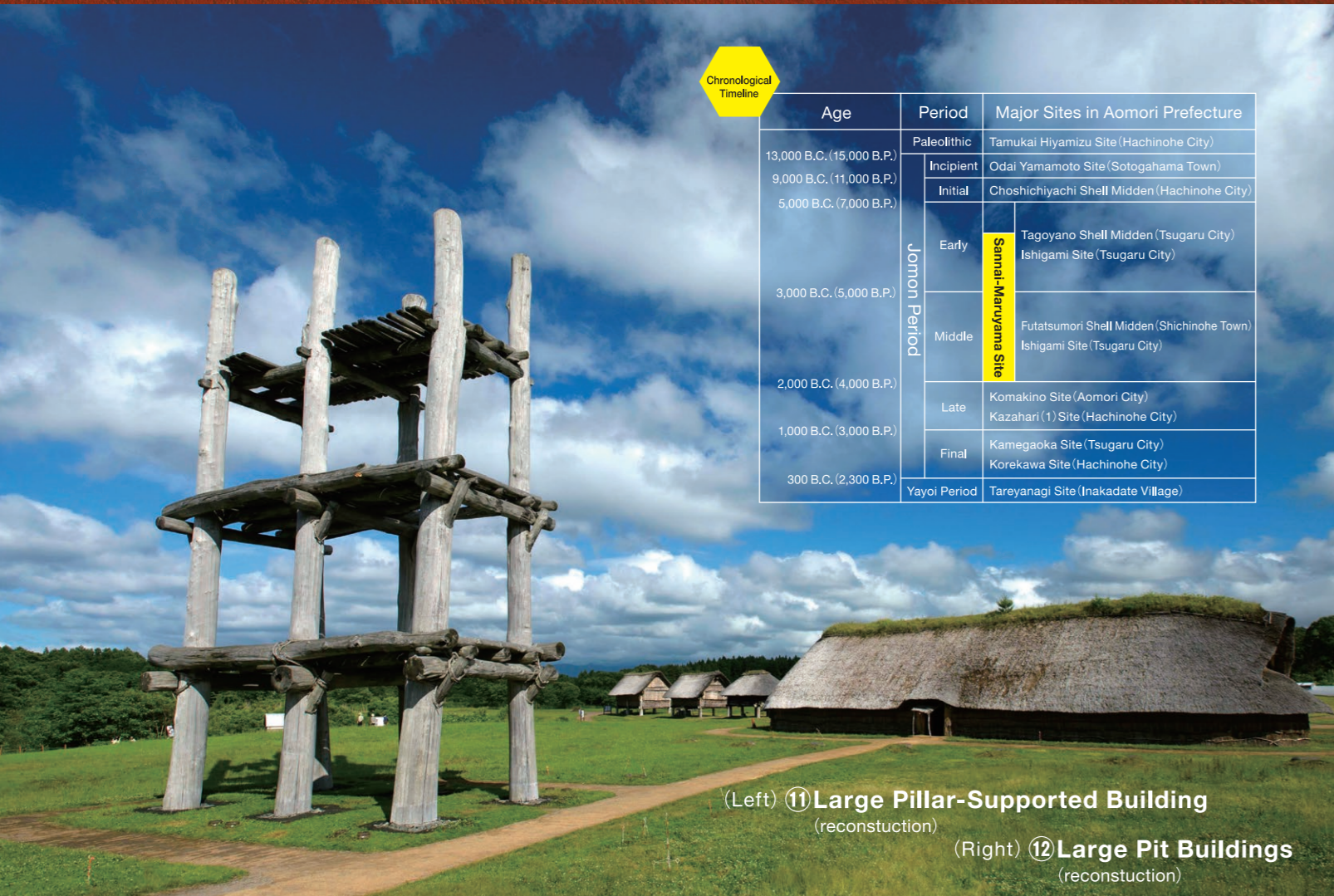
"In 1995, maintenance began and the Sannai-Maruyama Site was opened to the public. The Jomon Jiyukan was opened in November 2002.

The Sannai-Maruyama Site was registered as a national historical site in March 1997 and as a special national historical site in November 2000, with 1958 artifacts registered as important cultural properties in May 2003.

Aomori Prefecture will continue to preserve, maintain and utilize the Sannai-Maruyama Site so that visitors can experience life in a prehistoric Jomon Period village."



Age	Period	Major Sites in Aomori Prefecture		
13,000 B.C. (15,000 B.P.) 9,000 B.C. (11,000 B.P.) 5,000 B.C. (7,000 B.P.)	Paleolithic	Tamukai Hi Yamizu Site (Hachinohe City)		
	Incipient	Odai Yamamoto Site (Sotogahama Town)		
	Initial	Choshichiyachi Shell Midden (Hachinohe City)		
3,000 B.C. (5,000 B.P.) 2,000 B.C. (4,000 B.P.) 1,000 B.C. (3,000 B.P.) 300 B.C. (2,300 B.P.)	Jomon Period	Sannai-Maruyama Site		
			Early	Tagoyano Shell Midden (Tsugaru City) Ishigami Site (Tsugaru City)
			Middle	Futatsumori Shell Midden (Shichinohe Town) Ishigami Site (Tsugaru City)
			Late	Komakino Site (Aomori City) Kazahari (1) Site (Hachinohe City)
			Final	Kamegaoka Site (Tsugaru City) Korekawa Site (Hachinohe City)
Yayoi Period	Tareyanagi Site (Inakadate Village)			



(Left) ⑪ Large Pillar-Supported Building (reconstruction)

(Right) ⑫ Large Pit Buildings (reconstruction)



① Stone-Encircled Graves

These graves from the Middle Jomon Period are each surrounded by a circle of large stones placed vertically and horizontally in systematic fashion. They are found along the southwest side of the remains of the road.



② South Mound

A hill-like mound was formed over a thousand years by a large amount of discarded potsherds, stone implements, clay figurines, jade beads, and dirt. A cross-section of the mound is on display here.



③ Pit Buildings (reconstruction)

The floor was dug into the ground and there was a hearth in the center. More than 550 have been discovered so far and 15 have been reconstructed.



④ Large Pit Buildings (remains / reconstruction)

Large pit buildings more than ten meters (32.8 ft) long were discovered. The reconstructed Middle Jomon Period longhouse (⑫) is 32 meters (105 ft) long. The large pit dwelling whose remains are on display (above) was 15 meters (49.2 ft) long. Scholars hypothesize that these structures functioned as meeting halls, workshops, or communal winter houses.



⑤ Adult Graves (Burial Pits)

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



⑥ Pillar-Supported Buildings (reconstruction)

These types of buildings can be identified by the postholes dug into the earth to support their pillars. They are found clustered around the center of the site. They are thought to have been raised-floor buildings and are reconstructed as such.



⑦ North Valley

The North Valley was a dumping ground. The wet, anaerobic conditions helped preserve wooden objects, animal and fish bones, nuts, and seeds.



⑧ North Mound

Many potsherds and stone implements were disposed of along with dirt at the North Mound. Here you can see how the potsherds were strewn over a wide area.



⑨ Children's Graves (Burial Jars)

The bodies of children were buried in jars. These jars either had holes drilled in their bottoms or had the bottoms taken off. Some contain one or two fist-sized stones. More than 800 have been discovered so far.



⑩ Large Pillar-Supported Building

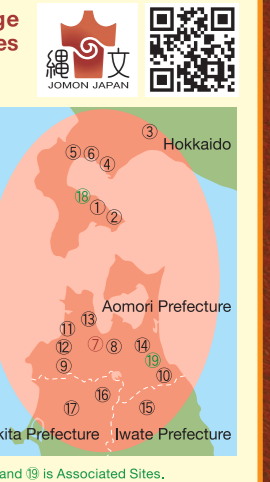
The remains are thought to be those of a six-pillared rectangular building. The holes that the pillars were erected in, 4.2 meters (13.8 ft) apart from each other, are about two meters (6.6 ft) wide and two meters deep, larger than those of other buildings. Remains of chestnut posts measuring about one meter (3.3 ft) in diameter were found preserved in the postholes.



Working Together for World Heritage Listing of the Jomon Archaeological Sites in Hokkaido and Northern Tohoku

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

- ① Ofune Site (Hakodate City, Hokkaido)
- ② Kakinoshima Site (Hakodate City, Hokkaido)
- ③ Kiusu Earthwork Burial Circles (Chitose City, Hokkaido)
- ④ Kitakogane Shell Midden (Date City, Hokkaido)
- ⑤ Irie - Takasago Shell Middens (Toyako Town, Hokkaido)
- ⑦ Sannai-Maruyama Site (Aomori City, Aomori prefecture)
- ⑧ Komakino Site (Aomori City, Aomori prefecture)
- ⑨ Omori-Katsuyama Site (Hiroaki City, Aomori prefecture)
- ⑩ Korekawa Site (Hachinohe City, Aomori prefecture)
- ⑪ Tagoyano Shell Midden (Tsugaru City, Aomori prefecture)
- ⑫ Kamegaoka Site (Tsugaru City, Aomori prefecture)
- ⑬ Odai-Yamamoto Site (Sotogahama Town, Aomori prefecture)
- ⑭ Futatsumori Shell Midden (Shichinohe City, Aomori prefecture)
- ⑮ Goshono Site (Ichinoh Town, Iwate prefecture)
- ⑯ Oyu Stone Circles (Kazuno City, Akita prefecture)
- ⑰ Isedotai Site (Kitaakita City, Akita prefecture)
- ⑱ Washinoki Site (Mori Town, Hokkaido)
- ⑲ Choshichiyachi Shell Midden (Hachinohe City, Aomori prefecture)



*⑱ and ⑲ is Associated Sites.

Sannai Maruyama Jomon Culture Center Admittance Overview

[From April, 2019.]

- **General : 410yen (330yen)**
- **High School / College : 200yen (160yen)**
- **Middle School and Younger : Free**

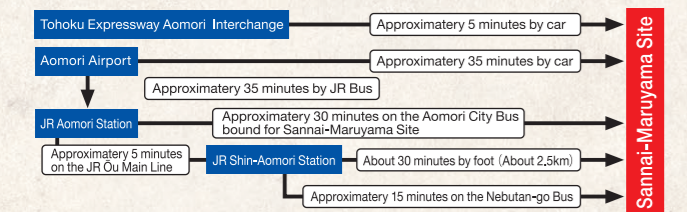
※ () indicates the individual price for groups of 20 or larger.
※Special exhibition admittance is paid separately.

We Offer Free Volunteer Guidance

Free volunteer guides are available at set times. Please arrive at the gathering spot before the departure time. For groups of 10 or larger, please contact us at the number below to make a reservation.

Tour departure 9:15 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 11:00 a.m. / 12:00 a.m. /
time 13:00 p.m. / 14:00 p.m. / 15:00 p.m. / 16:00 p.m.

Access to Sannai-Maruyama Site



General Information

Opening Hours / 9:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m. (Entry up to 30 minutes before closing time)
(Last admission 6:00 p.m. during Golden Week and from June 1 to September 30)
Closed / December 30 - January 1, The center is closed on the forth Monday of each month
(If that day is a holiday, the center will be closed the next day.)
Smoking and Eating Prohibited on site (Eating and drinking are allowed at the picnic area)

Contact Us

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Sannai Maruyama Site Full Map

※You can not pass through from the Sannai Maruyama Site to the Aomori Museum of Art.



Hokusaikan (Gift Shop)

Shop for Aomori souvenirs!

We don't just sell Jomon goods, but also have all sorts of local souvenirs in stock!
Phone : 017-766-4261 / Fax : 017-766-4321



Restaurant Gosen-Nen no Hoshi

Enjoy dishes made with Jomon ingredients!
● Open at 11:00 a.m. Last order at 3:00 p.m. (2:00 p.m. during winter)
● Drinks and ice cream available from 10:30 a.m. with last order at 4:30 p.m.
Phone : 017-782-5001 / Fax : 017-782-5021



General Information

Please don't hesitate to ask staff about the museum and the site!



Jomon Theater

Watch an introductory video about the site!

Please watch the video before exploring the site so that you may enjoy it even more!

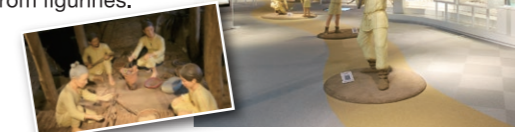


Permanent Exhibition (Sanmaru Museum)

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.

Unravel the Jomon Way of Life

Piece together how the Jomon went about life in far past from figurines.



The Heart of the Jomon People

There are about 500 important cultural properties among the almost 1,700 artifacts on display.

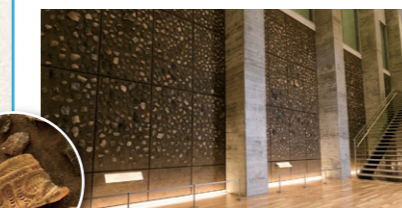


Ticketed Area

You need a ticket to enter the area with in the blue line (Archaeological site included). Entrance is free for the Restaurant Gosen-nen no hoshi and the Hokusaikan shopping area.

Jomon Big Wall

There are 5,120 pieces of Jomon pottery embedded in the face of this almost 6 meter high wall.



Temporary Exhibition Room

Various special and temporary exhibitions are held in this room. National Treasures and important cultural properties can be displayed here. (Special exhibitions and temporary exhibitions can only be viewed here while the site holds specialevents.)



Work Studio

Pottery reassembly, restoration, and measuring takes place in this studio.



Storage Room

Many pottery and other artifacts from the excavation are collected on shelves 4m tall.



Museum Shop

Books and Jomon goods on sale here!



Workshops

Reception Hours : 9:30-15:30

Time Required / About 1 Hour

- Curved Bead (Magatama)
- Miniature Clay Figurine
- Kumihimo Braid and Fire making
- Replica Amber Pendant

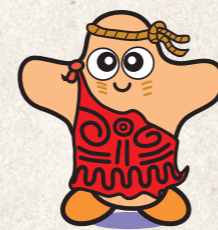
Time Required / About 2 hours

- Jomon Pochette
- Angin Knitted Cloth
- Board-shaped Clay Figurine

Experience making Jomon Period items! Materials are sold in the museum shop.



※Menu for groups
※Reservation required for groups of 10 or more



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