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Introduction of Jomon sites in the Minamikayabe area

Surrounded by the rich resources of the sea and mountains, the Minamikayabe area is blessed with a perfect natural environment for the Jomon people to live and develop their culture. As a result, the Jomon culture flourished in this area for about 7,000 years, from the early to late Jomon period, and valuable artifacts have been unearthed from the excavated remains that tell of the lives of the people of that time.

Historic Site "Ofune Site"

The "Ofune Ruins" is a large-scale settlement site dating back to the middle of the Jomon period (about 5,500 to 4,000 years ago). The site became well-known upon the excavational investigation in 1996 and was designated as a national historic site in 2001. It is one of the representative settlement sites in eastern Japan, and as a component of the "Jomon Sites in Hokkaido and the Northern Tohoku Region," it is aiming to be registered as a World Cultural Heritage site. The site is currently home to the "Jomon Garden" where pit dwellings and earthwork mound remains are being restored, the "Jomon Forest," where tree-planting activities are being conducted to recreate the environment of the time, and the Experience Learning Plaza, which is open to visitors. In addition, the administration building introduces the ruins through panels and models, and also has a restroom and rest area.

Historic Site "Kakinoshima Site"

The "Kakinoshima Ruins" is an archaeological site where traces of Jomon life were left over a long period of time from the early to late Jomon period (about 9,000 to 3,500 years ago).

In addition to numerous pit dwelling sites and tombs that show the changes in the use of the plateau during each period, one of the largest heaped soil remains in Japan has been found.

More than 200,000 artifacts have been excavated so far, including pottery, stoneware, footprints of infants, lacquered spout pottery, and decorative objects.

The site is in a good state of preservation and was designated as a national historic site in 2011. Like the Ofune site, it is an important site that represents the Jomon culture of eastern Japan.

In FY 2017, the maintenance of the historic site began, and we aim to open the site to the public in conjunction with the adjacent Hakodate Jomon Culture Exchange Center.

The ruins are currently closed to the public due to maintenance, but can be viewed from the adjacent Hakodate Jomon Culture Exchange Center.









Hakodate Jomon Culture Center



This is a facility where many valuable artifacts excavated from Jomon period sites in Tate City are displayed and open to the public.

In the hands-on learning room, visitors can try their hand at making Jomon pendants and miniature earthenware without a reservation, and various lectures and study sessions are also held.

It also houses the "Roadside Station" Jomon Roman Minamikayabe.

Ofune Site



Hakodate City Ofune Ruins Administration Building Opening hours 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Opening period Late April - Mid November Use of Materials free

Kakinoshima Site Hakodate Jomon Culture Center







Hakodate Jomon Culture Center

Opening Hours / Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (closes 4:30PM November 1 to March 31) Closed Days / Closed:on Mondays (closed the next day if Mondays are national holidays), every last Friday of the month, New Year's holiday. Center rearrangement day (the last Friday of each month) Use of Materials / General 300 yen, Students/Students/Children 150 yen Inquiries / Address:551-1 Usujiri-cho Hakodate City Hokkaido 041-1613 Phone / +81-(0)138-25-2030 Official Website / http://www.hjcc.jp/