



# Sannai-Maruyama Site

Aomori City/About 6,000-4,000 years ago  
Special Historical Site Designated in 2,000



A large pillar building (Restored) and a large pit dwelling (Restored)



A pottery mound piled about 2.8 meter high



"Jomon Pochette" in which walnuts were put

## The largest scale vestige of settlements in Japan

The largest scale village vestige in Japan where people led life for as long as 2,000 years. Pit dwellings, graves, a pillar building, pottery mounds, storage pits, paths and so on are well arranged in a planned way. Numerous amount of remains including clay potteries and figures have been unearthed in a good state of preservation.

Jades produced in Hokuriku District (Region west of Tokyo on Japan Sea side in Japan) were discovered. It's been known that people made exchanges and trades with other regions. It's considered this was the center in Hokkaido and Tohoku Districts at that time.

The number of unearthed clay figures has exceeded 2,000 pieces, number 1 among lots of sites in Japan. Each of them has individual and personal shape and look.



## Q&A

### Q How large is the pillar building?

**A** The diameter of unearthed pillar hole is about 2 meter and its depth is more than 2 meter. A pillar of chestnut tree with about 1 meter diameter was discovered from the hole. It's considered from the soil analysis and existing chestnut trees investigation that it was a large building with nearly 20 meter height.



A pillar hole of the large pillar building (Sannai-Maruyama Site)

### Q What kind of food did they eat?

**A** It's considered that about 80 % of foodstuffs people ate was vegetable, and it seems they mainly ate chestnuts and walnuts.

As for fish bones about 50 sorts mainly such as yellowtails and mackerels have been unearthed, and almost all of them are caught in Mutsu Bay even today. As for animals main foods were wild boars and deer in the country level, but at Sannai-Maruyama Site it seems that people ate mainly small animals such as hares and flying squirrels.

## Related Facilities

### Jomon-Jiyukan Museum



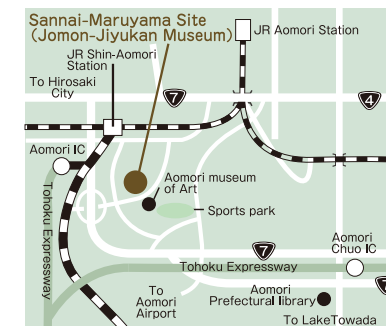
The entrance to Sannai-Maruyama Site. There are a Jomon theater and an experiencing studio as well as Sanmaru Museum where Jomon pocchette, a national important cultural property, large flat, plate-like clay figures are stored and exhibited.

### Attention!!

Exhibited numerous unearthed remains tell us people's life including environment and eating habits at that time.

[Opening Hours] June-September/9:00am-6:00pm (October-May/Until 5:00pm) New Year's holidays and the end of December Closed. Admission Free.

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