



Komakino Site

Aomori City/About 4,000 years ago
Historical Site Designated in 1995



A stone circle composed of plural rings



Stones placed alternately lengthwise and breadthwise



Discovered more than 400 pieces of triangular stone plaques

Gigantic Stone Circles transmitting spiritual culture

This site is mainly composed of almost perfectly accomplished stone circles which were made by excellent civil engineering technology. The stone circles were formed by triple circles and the fourth circle was placed in their outer circumference. The diameter of the whole circles is about 55 meter. The vestige of pit dwellings, pit graves, as well as clay figures and triangular stone plaques considered to be used for religious rites have been discovered.



The stone circle among the four are regularly placed alternately lengthwise and breadthwise by flat stones. Stone circles of this type of structure is rare in the country and peculiar.

Q&A

Q From where were the stones for stone circles carried in?

A Almost all of about 2,900 stones discovered so far are andesite which is considered to have been carried in from the upper reaches of the River Tsutsumi, away 500 meter-1 kilometer to the east from the site. The average weight of a stone is about 10.8 kilogram.

Q What's the use of a stone circle?

A There is a public square of about 500 square meter in the inside of stone circles where many people can gather. It is considered that it had the character of "the place for religious rites." Clay potteries for burial were discovered and it was also used as cemetery.



The square in the center of the stone circle

Related Facilities

Komakino Site Preservation Museum



Exhibition and storage facility made use of the building of closed former Nozawa Primary School. The fruits of excavation investigation into the site and Jomon People's life are introduced to be understood easily by unearthed remains and panels.

Attention!!

There are excavation experiencing corner, clay pottery restoring corner, and full scale model of a part of Stonehenge (England). Children as well as adults can enjoyably study.

[Opening Hours] 9:00am-5:00pm New Year's holidays and the end of December Closed. Admission Free.

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