



Futatsumori Shell Midden

Shichinohe Town/About 6,000-4,000 years ago
Historical Site Designated in 1998



Restored pit dwelling



Piled strata of Shell Midden



A sculpture decorated comb made of antler bone

A prominent large scale shell midden in Tohoku District

The settlement site accompanied with the largest class shell midden.

We can understand the state of global scale Transgression and Regression from shell sedimentation strata. Shells of corbicula japonica and clams, fish bones of sea bass and red sea-bream, bird bones of swan and wild duck, animal bones of deer and wild boar, and bone tools have been unearthed. Additionally, a grave where a dog was courteously buried has been discovered.



A comb made of antler bone which was unearthed here is decorated with marvelous sculpture. High ornament sense and production technique of ancient people at that time can be imagined. Furthermore, a dragon-sword-shaped bone tool made of whale bones was unearthed. Each of them has been designated Aomori Prefectural Important Cultural Property.

Q&A

Q Why is the Shell Midden located far away from the sea?

A The sea level was about 5 meter higher than today in early period of Jomon Times because of global warming. This location was near to the coastline at that time. It's considered that people could easily collect shellfishes.

Q Why was the grave for dog made?

A Jomon People cherished dogs. It may be true that it was a watchdog or a hunting partner to play the role of discovering and driving games.



Buried dog bones

Related Facilities

Shichinohe Central Community Center



The base facility of lifelong study in Shichinohe Town. A library and a large hall are prepared. An exhibition corner of Futatsumori Shell Midden is arranged in the lobby on the second floor.

Attention!!

Visitors can observe remains such as clay potteries, stone tools, bone tools, and shells as well as 5 replicas of Aomori Prefectural important cultural treasures including an antler bone comb made with 3D printer.

[Opening Hours] Monday-Friday/9:00am-9:00pm (Saturday·Sunday/Until 6:00pm) Holidays·New Year's holidays and the end of December Closed. Admission Free.

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