

To never again experience the sadness of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

Iwate Tsunami Memorial Museum

Takatamatsubara Memorial Park for TSUNAMI Disaster

National Memorial Facility

Both national and local government agencies have worked together to establish a memorial park dedicated to the recovery effort, and on its grounds stands a national memorial facility that, along with conveying to the world the region's strong will to recover, is dedicated to remembering the victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake, and passing on the memories and lessons learned from the disaster to future generations.



Disaster ruins ① Kesen Junior High School

The tsunami submerged the three-story reinforced concrete school building all the way to the roof. All students were able to immediately evacuate to higher ground.

Disaster ruins ② The Miracle Pine Tree

Where there once stood over 70,000 trees, only this single pine tree remains. The miracle pine tree died the year after the disaster. It has been preserved as an official monument.

Disaster ruins ③ Rikuzentakata Youth Hostel

This accommodation once stood in Takatamatsubara. It is believed that this building prevented the tsunami from hitting the miracle pine tree.

Disaster ruins ④ Tapic 45 (for Michi-no-Eki Takatamatsubara)

Three evacuees used this building to escape the 14.5m tall tsunami. The top of the building was untouched. The inside was completely destroyed.

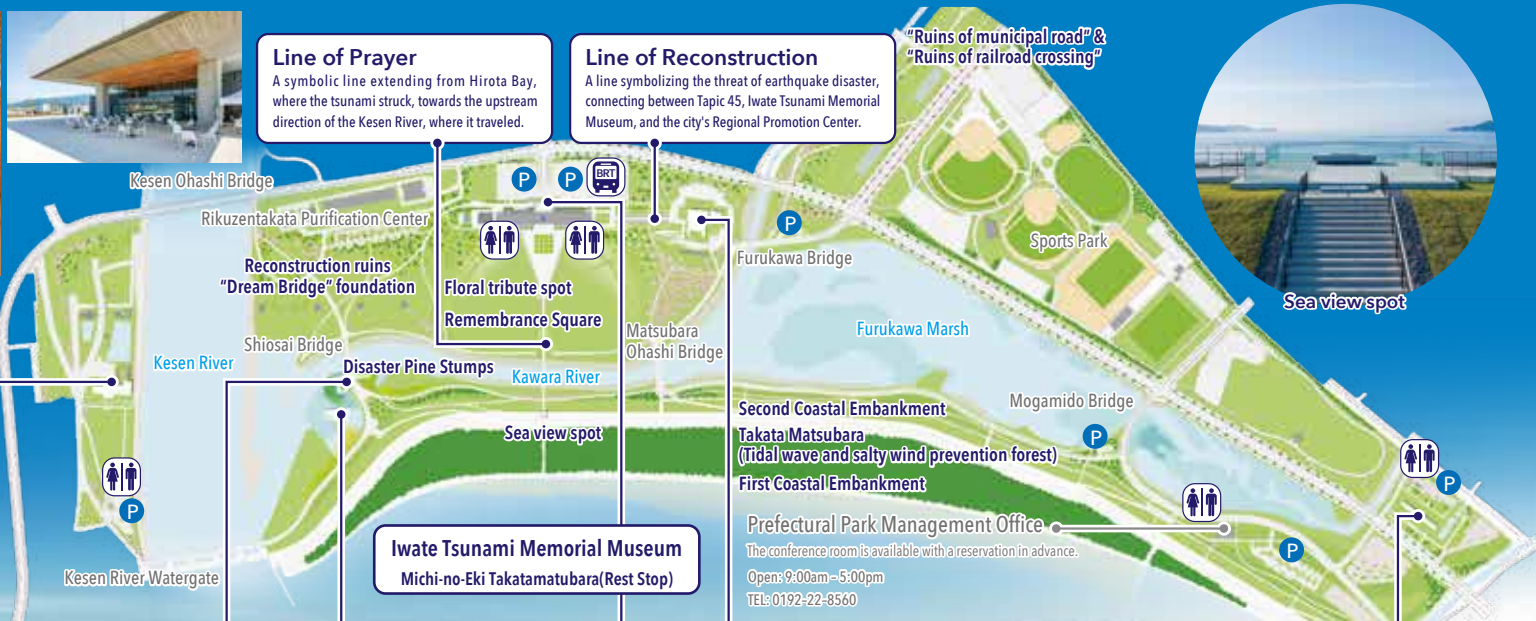
Disaster ruins ⑤ Settlement Promotion Housing

The tsunami flooded the building to the fourth floor. Only the balcony panels on the fifth floor remains, providing a glimpse at how high the waves reached.

Michi-no-Eki Takatamatsubara (Rest Stop)

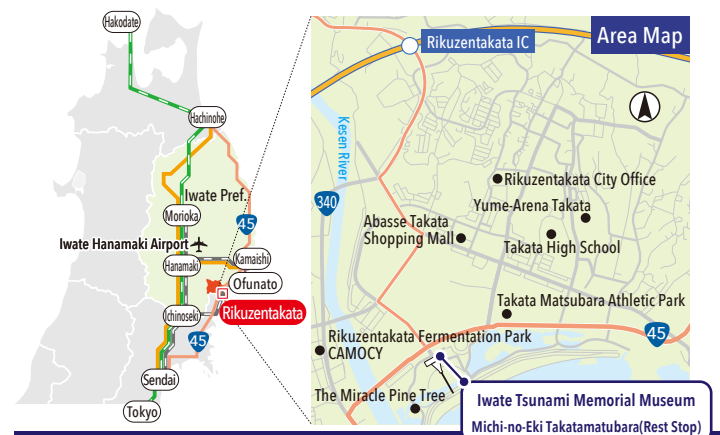
The "Gateway to Sanriku"—a place to get information on the Sanriku area sights and accommodations, as well as get a taste of nature-rich Rikuzentakata's agricultural and marine cuisine, and specialty products.

Open: 9:00am - 6:00pm
(5:00pm Dec - Feb)
Closed: No closures
TEL: 0192-22-8411
<https://takata-matsubara.com/>



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The Takatamatsubara Memorial Park for TSUNAMI Disaster is an area that was flooded in the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. If a tsunami advisory or tsunami warning is announced, evacuate to elevated ground immediately.



Transportation

- From Hanamaki Airport to Ichinoseki ~1hr from JR Hanamaki Airport Station to JR Ichinoseki Station via JR Tohoku Main Line
- From Ichinoseki to Rikuzentakata ~1hr 20min from JR Ichinoseki Station to JR Kesennuma Station via JR Ofunato Line
- ~30min from JR Kesennuma Station to Kiseki no Ipponmatsu Station via JR Ofunato Line BRT

Iwate Tsunami Memorial Museum

Open: 9:00am - 5:00pm (admission until 4:30pm) Closed: New Year's holidays (Dec 29 - Jan 3), temporary closure days Admission: Free
Address: 180 Dotekage, Kesen, Rikuzentakata, Iwate 029-2204 TEL: 0192-47-4455



<https://iwate-tsunami-memorial.jp/>
(See here for exhibit guide reservations)

This mark denotes a Disaster Memorial Facility that provides information on, and lessons learned from, the Great East Japan Earthquake.

Protecting lives, and living together with the ocean and earth

To never again experience the sadness of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

The Japanese Archipelago is one of the places on Earth most threatened by natural disaster, and we who spent many years living on this land have built up a strong will to oppose this danger.

Despite this, in the wake of the March 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, we suffered an immense loss of life.

In order to avoid repeating this sorrow, it is of utmost importance that we possess the knowledge, wisdom, and motivation to protect ourselves against various natural disasters, and thus become able to overcome them.

The Iwate Tsunami Memorial Museum will share the wisdom of our predecessors, the reality of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami and the lessons we've learned with the world to become a society strong against natural disaster.

In addition, as part of our efforts in overcoming the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, we'd like to show our gratitude for the support we have received.



Damaged fire trucks

3/11 Theater

Zone 1 Tracing History

Tsunami disasters will be uncovered from historical and scientific perspectives. We will reexamine the knowledge, techniques, and culture that have been fostered since ancient times, and rethink how to live together with nature.

Zone 2 Learning the Facts

We will look at the facts of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami through actual objects that were damaged, photos of damaged sites, and the voices and memories of the victims.

- Restroom
- Accessible Restroom
- Child Care Room
- AED (defibrillator)

Guide staff are available. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Zone 2 Learning the Facts

Zone 3 Learning Lessons

Entrance

An information zone to greet visitors and provide information on such areas as the park, Rikuzentakata City, the Sanriku Coastal area and the 3.11 Road Map.



Seminar Room

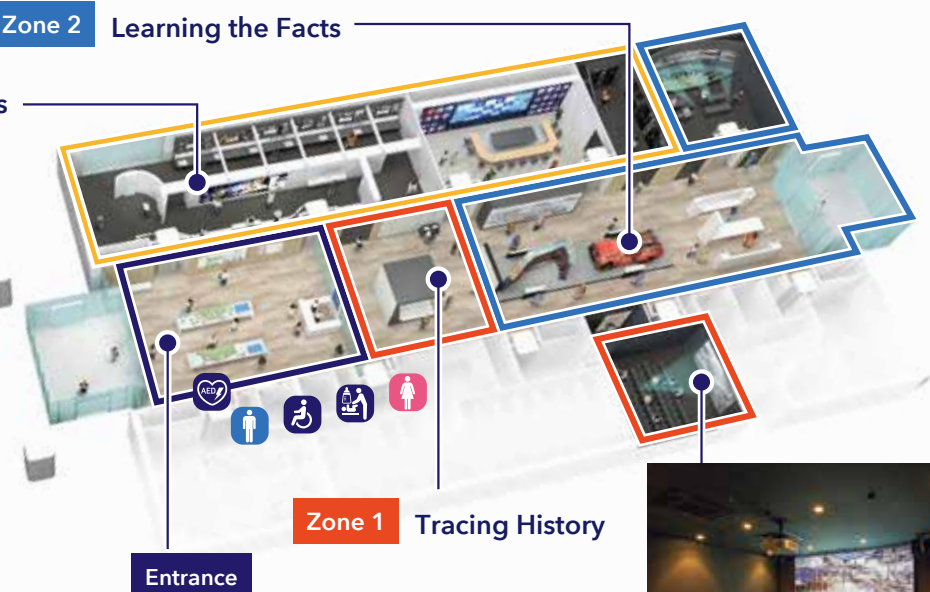


Michi-no-Eki Takamatubara (Rest Stop)

Zone 4 Moving towards reconstruction together

Expressing gratitude for the support from the rest of Japan and the world along with conveying the aspects of damaged areas ability to overcome and move past the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami.

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Zone 1 Tracing History

Entrance

We will share lessons about how to protect lives by showcasing people who escaped, helped and provided support.

Zone 3 Learning Lessons



Theater

(screenings start at :00, :20, and :40 of each hour)

