

# Kofun (Burial mound) etc.



Ezaki Burial Mound | MAP >> H-6 |

Ezaki Burial Mound is a keyhole-shaped burial mound with a total length of 45 meters built on a hill to the west of Kokubun-ji. This burial mound is the last keyhole-shaped burial mound in Okayama prefecture, built at the end of the 6th century following the Koumorizuka burial mound. The house-shaped sarcophagus enshrined in the horizontal stone chamber uses the same namigataishi (shell limestone) from Ibara as the Koumorizuka burial mound.



Midoriyama Burial Mounds | MAP >> G-5 |

Midoriyama Burial Mounds is a group of burial mounds built from the mid to the late 6th century located northwest of Kokubun-ji in the Midoriyama area. This burial mounds group consists of 22 tumuli, most of which have horizontal stone chambers. Among them the 6th, 7th, 8th tombs lined up on the ridge of the hill allow you to see the changes in the structure of the horizontal stone chambers.



Miyayama Burial Mounds | MAP >> E-6 |

Miyayama Burial Mounds are a group of burial mounds dating from the late Yayoi period to the early Kofun period, located on Mt. Miwa to the south of Kibiji Arena. It consists of mass graves with various types of burials and keyhole shaped burial mounds. Excavated clay ritual vessel stands have patterns similar to those excavated from ancient burial mound in Nara prefecture, including the Hashihaka burial mound.



Sumou Toriyama Burial Mound | MAP >> G-7 |

Sumou Toriyama Burial Mound is the largest rectangular burial mound in the Kibi region, measuring 35.5 meters by 38 meters on one side and approximately 5 meters in height. It was built in the late 5th century as a burial mound for local chieftains. The origin of the name came from a sumo ring as the plateau resembles the ring. The black pine at the top of the burial mound is approximately 450 years old. It withstands rain and snow and shows the importance of history.



Ichhoguro Burial Mounds | MAP >> Small-scale Map |

This is a group of 38 ancient burial mounds dating from the 4th to the 7th centuries built on a ridge overlooking the Takahashi River. Among them the Ichhoguro no.1 Burial Mound, which is believed to have been built in the first half of the 4th century, possesses a total length of 70 meters and is the second largest Zenpou Kouhou burial mound (square-front/square-back tomb) in Okayama prefecture.

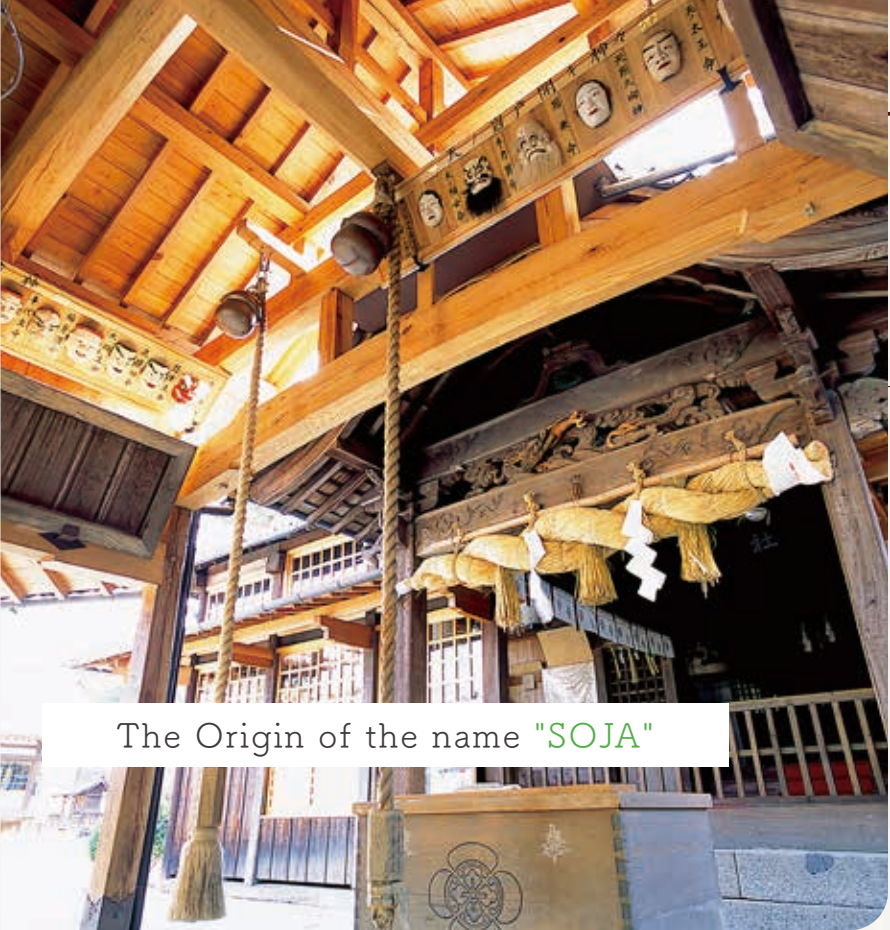


Buried Cultural Property Learning Facility | MAP >> H-4 |

The museum displays valuable materials that shed light on the history of the Kibi region, including models and artifacts excavated from Soja city.

>> INFORMATION

- Opening hours:9:00 ~ 16:00
- Closed:Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, year-end and New Year holidays (12/28 ~ 1/4)
- Entrance fee:Free
- Contact information:Buried Cultural Property Learning Facility Minamimizote 265-3, Soja City



## The Origin of the name "SOJA"

Old Hori Wahei's Residence | MAP >> F-5 |

The Soja shopping street which also is a path approaching the Soja Gu shrine, was once a prosperous street where many wealthy merchants lined their stores. The old residence of Hori Wahei, the birthplace of the pioneer in the Western painting circle in Okayama prefecture, is a quaint historic house turned café where you can enjoy various menus.

>> INFORMATION

- Location:Soja 2-5-20

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# Vicinity of Soja Gu Shrine

City registered cultural properties. | MAP >> F-5 |

## Bitchū Soja Gu Shrine

Bitchū Soja Gu Shrine, from which the city takes its name, is one of the shrines established close to the provincial capitals, which were constructed throughout Japan. 324 shrines were established in Bitchū Soja Gu Shrine, in the center of the city.



Machikado Kyodo Museum | MAP >> F-5 |

This is the building of the former Soja Police Station that was constructed in 1910, and is the only surviving example of Meiji Western-style architecture in the city. On display in the museum are many traditional industry materials, mainly from the Meiji period, relating to Bitchū medicine, Aso castings, soft rushes, etc.

>> INFORMATION

- Location:Soja 2-17-33
- Open: 9:00 to 17:00
- Closed every Monday (or the following day if it is a public holiday)
- End of the year and New Year (12/29 to 1/3)
- Entrance: Free of charge

