

Ancient Kofun at the southernmost tip of Japan

Tsukazaki Kofungun



Romanto-kun



Tojin-maru



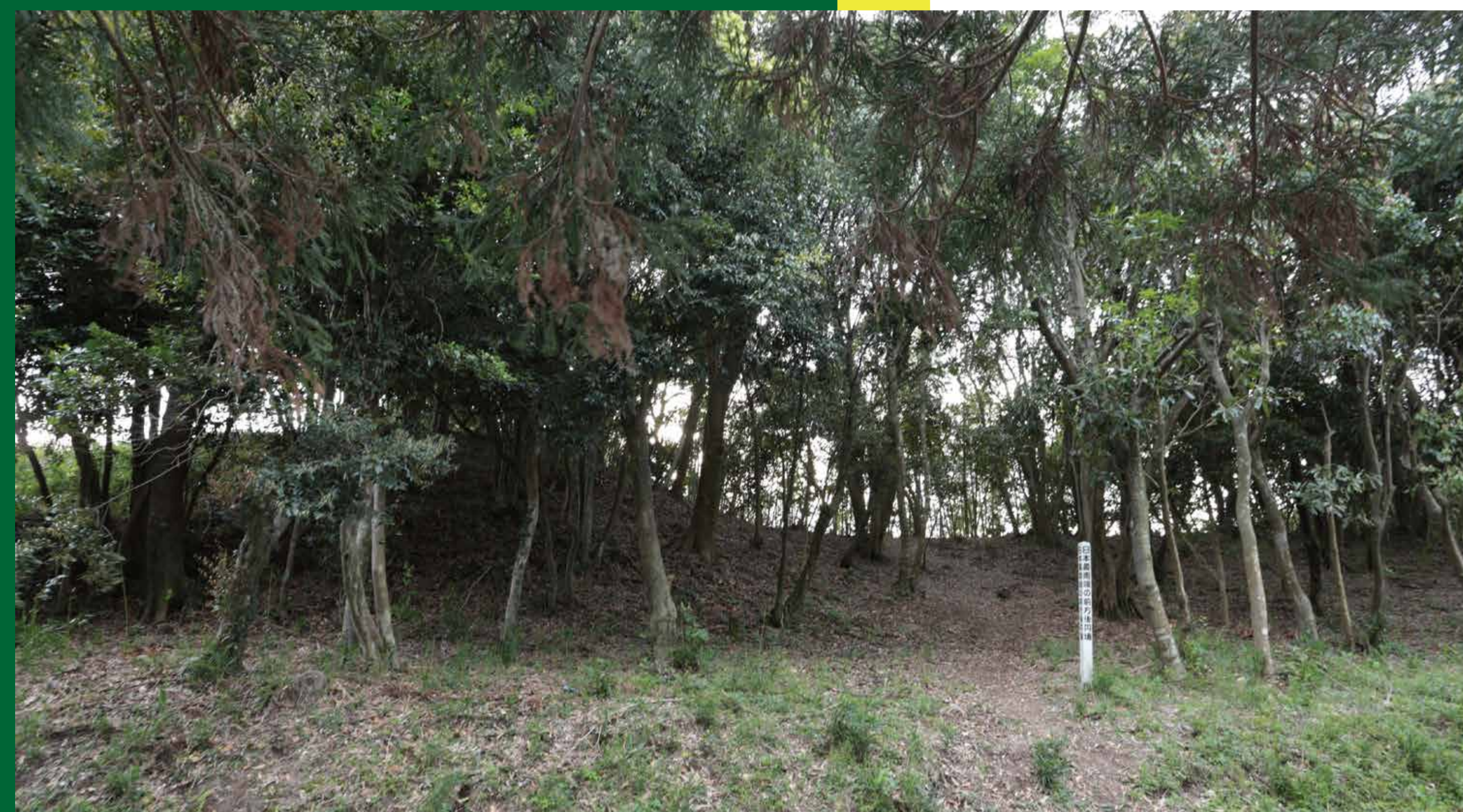
Tsuka-ji



Human bones excavated from an underground horizontal cave tomb (Underground horizontal cave tomb, No. 29)



The first key-hole shaped Kofun constructed in the Osumi region (No. 11 Kofun)



Japan's southernmost key-hole shaped Kofun (No. 51 Kofun)

Major Kofun types in southern Kyushu

	Zenpokoefun When viewed from above, a Zenpokoefun resembles a keyhole. It is considered the highest-ranking among various Kofun shapes.
	Round kofun The most popular sort of kofun is round. Many have changed shape due to weathering and other external forces.
	Subterranean corridor-type tomb A subterranean corridor-type tomb is excavated in an L-shape and is primarily found in the southern areas of Miyazaki Prefecture to the Osumi Peninsula.

Legend	
	Round kofun
	Zenpokoefun
	Kofun's estimated site <small>*Unavailable for viewing</small>
	Subterranean corridor-type tomb <small>*Unavailable for viewing</small>
	Stone coffin <small>*Unavailable for viewing</small>



A camphor tree in Tsukazaki (designated as National Natural Monument)
Tsukazaki No. 1 Kofun is located at the root of this 25-meter high tree with the trunk circumference of 14 meters. A mystic atmosphere prevails here.

Attractions (Why Kofun is special)

- 1 Go to the keyhole-shaped Kofun located at the southernmost tip of Japan!
- 2 Walk around the oldest Kofungun in the Osumi region!
- 3 Feel it!
A 1,300-year-old camphor tree stands on top of the Kofun mound.

The Tsukazaki Kofun Cluster is believed to have been constructed primarily during the fourth and fifth centuries.

Kofun burial mounds come in various shapes, and only those with power were able to build the Zenpokoefun in the distinctive shape of a keyhole. Five Zenpokoefuns, including one located at the southernmost tip of Japan, have been verified at the Tsukazaki Kofun Cluster.

This cluster is an important historical site for studying the Kofun period in the Shibushi Bay area and has been officially designated as a historical site due to its significance.

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