

Map of Battle of Okehazama Historical Sites

Reference: NPO Okehazama Kosenjo Preservation Society (<https://okehazama.net/>)

A number of historical sites connected to the Battle of Okehazama can be reached on foot from Arimatsu Station.

The Arimatsu district just south of the station is also worth working into your itinerary. The village, famous for its distinctive tie-dyeing (*Arimatsu shibori*), was founded in 1608, and has a number of traditional merchant houses which can still be seen along the Old Tokaido Road.

Okehazama-related sites on the map have been numbered according to the chronological order of the events connected to each site.

1 Site of Sena Ujitoshi's Camp (瀬名氏陣地跡)

Sena Ujitoshi, one of Imagawa Yoshimoto's retainers, led an advance party of around 200 men and set up camp here



2 War Council Pine (戦評の松)

Sena Ujitoshi is said to have called the Imagawa generals together for a war council under a great pine tree which stood here at the time of the battle.



3 Okehazama Shinmei Shrine (桶狭間神明社)

A sake barrel said to have been offered by Sena Ujitoshi with prayers for victory is kept here as one of the shrine treasures.

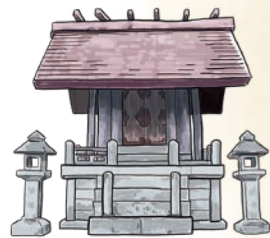


Site of Ii Naomori's Camp

Another of Imagawa's retainers who fell at Okehazama.

4 Takaneyama (高根山) (Arimatsu Shrine [有松神社])

At 54.5 meters above sea level, this is the highest point in this area. An advance guard of around 200 Imagawa troops, led by Matsui Munenobu, observed the movements of Oda troops at the Zenshoji and Nakajima fortresses from here, and fought a fierce battle with Oda troops led by Sassa Narimasa and Senshu Suetada.



5 Okehazama-yama (Mount Okehazama) (おけはざま山)

Said to have been the site of Imagawa Yoshimoto's main camp, where Imagawa and his men were at rest as Nobunaga's men approached.



6 Kamagatani (釜ヶ谷)

Nobunaga himself led a force from Nakajima Fort to this valley, where they hid as they waited for an opportunity to strike. Currently on the grounds of Ohkagakuen University Nagoya College.



7 Okehazama Kosenjo Park (桶狭間古戦場公園)

The central site of the Battle of Okehazama, where Imagawa Yoshimoto is said to have met his end. On Okehazama-yama, some 300 Imagawa troops fought, with their commander at the center, under Nobunaga's attack, but were soon driven down the western hillside to the edge of the rice fields, and Imagawa was cornered and beheaded by Nobunaga vassals Hattori Koheita and Mori Shinsuke. In 2010, 450 years after the battle, the site was developed into the Okehazama Kosenjo (historic battlefield) Park, a diorama simulating the topography of the wider area at the time of the battle, with positions of castles, forts and the routes of the respective armies, and bronze statues of Oda Nobunaga and Imagawa Yoshimoto as the centerpiece. Also within the park is a stone grave marker bearing the inscription, "Sunkō boketsu" (駿公墓碣), or "grave of the great lord / lord of Suruga" (i.e. Imagawa), and every year a memorial service is held for those who fell during the battle. As the main site of the Battle of Okehazama, the park is visited by history aficionados and many other people from all over Japan.



8 Chofukuji Temple (長福寺)

Following the Battle of Okehazama, Nobunaga is said to have carried out the identification of the heads of Imagawa Yoshimoto and his soldiers within the temple grounds.



9 Nanatsu-zuka (七ツ塚)

Nobunaga ordered the villagers to dig seven holes and bury the great number of dead here. Located down a narrow path between houses; look for the signpost.



3,500 candles are lit around Oike Pond in memory of the fallen Imagawa and Oda soldiers during the Mantōkai (万灯会 / lantern festival), observed before the Battlefield Festival

Access: Okehazama Kosenjo Park (桶狭間古戦場公園) is approximately 1.5 kilometers south from Arimatsu Sta. (有松駅, NH25) on the Meitetsu Nagoya Line (名鉄名古屋本線). City Bus (市バス) service is available from Arimatsu Shogakko (有松小学校 / Arimatsu Elementary School), an approximately 3-minute walk south from Arimatsu Sta.). Alight at Makuyama (幕山, 3 stops), from which Okehazama Kosenjo Park is a 1-minute walk.