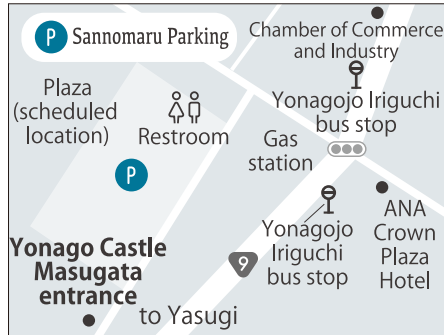


- 15 minutes walk from Yonago Station to Masugata entrance.
- Bus from Yonago station to Yonagojo Iriguchi, then 3 minutes walk.
- 5 minutes drive from Yonago station. Parking available at Minatoyama Park or Yonago Castle Sannomaru (third ward).



\ Everything about Yonago Castle! /

### More about Yonago Castle!

(Yonago City official website)

Latest news, columns, archives, photos and more information.



### The "AGE SOGE Song"

Yonago Castle Support Song

Created to showcase the captivating charm of Yonago Castle ruins, this song blends Hawaiian musical vibes with local dialect.



### Yonago Castle Special Website

Discover the beautiful sceneries around the castle, "Diamond Daisen" and more.

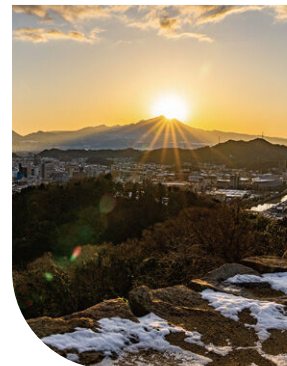


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## National Historic Site Yonago Castle Ruins GUIDE MAP





# Yonago Castle Ruins

GUIDE MAP

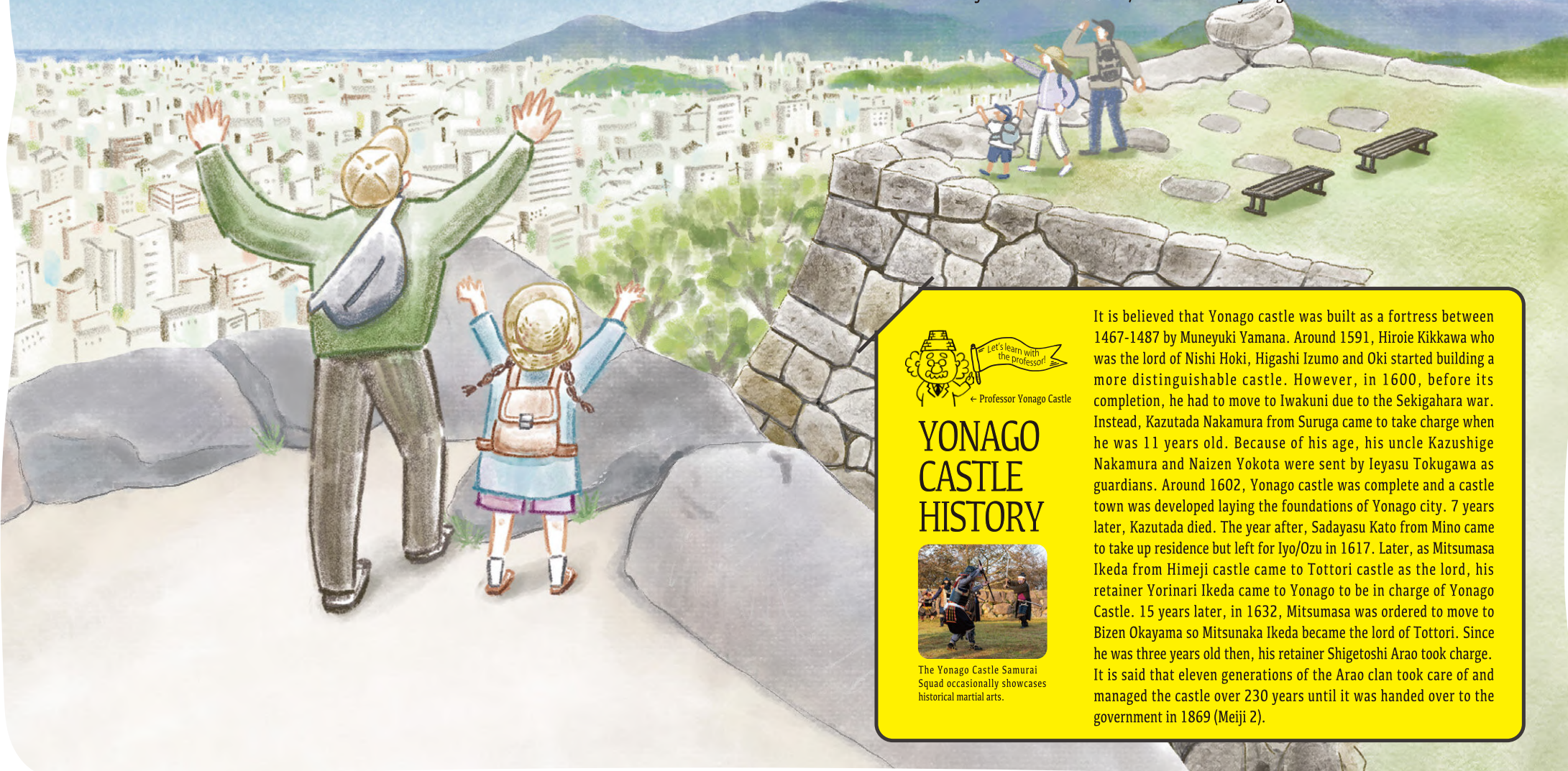
A breathtaking panorama: sky, mountains, ocean, and cityscape

Yonago Castle, built in the heart of Yonago city, is said to have been a magnificent castle with a five-story main keep and a four-story secondary keep (Yagura) on the summit and was also known as the “finest castle in San’in”.

While the buildings are no longer standing, the stone walls and other remnants still retain the appearance of their former glory.

From the site of the main keep, visitors can enjoy the panoramic view of Mt. Daisen, the Japan Sea, the cityscape, and Lake Nakaumi.

In 2006, the main ward and the secondary ward were designated as national historic sites, and in 2021, a part of the third ward (former Minatoyama Baseball Stadium) was additionally designated.



← Professor Yonago Castle

## YONAGO CASTLE HISTORY



The Yonago Castle Samurai Squad occasionally showcases historical martial arts.

It is believed that Yonago castle was built as a fortress between 1467-1487 by Muneyuki Yamana. Around 1591, Hiroie Kikkawa who was the lord of Nishi Hoki, Higashi Izumo and OkI started building a more distinguishable castle. However, in 1600, before its completion, he had to move to Iwakuni due to the Sekigahara war. Instead, Kazutada Nakamura from Suruga came to take charge when he was 11 years old. Because of his age, his uncle Kazushige Nakamura and Naizen Yokota were sent by Ieyasu Tokugawa as guardians. Around 1602, Yonago castle was complete and a castle town was developed laying the foundations of Yonago city. 7 years later, Kazutada died. The year after, Sadayasu Kato from Mino came to take up residence but left for Iyo/Ozu in 1617. Later, as Mitsumasa Ikeda from Himeji castle came to Tottori castle as the lord, his retainer Yorinari Ikeda came to Yonago to be in charge of Yonago Castle. 15 years later, in 1632, Mitsumasa was ordered to move to Bizen Okayama so Mitsunaka Ikeda became the lord of Tottori. Since he was three years old then, his retainer Shigetoshi Arao took charge. It is said that eleven generations of the Arao clan took care of and managed the castle over 230 years until it was handed over to the government in 1869 (Meiji 2).

# Yonago Castle Highlights Map

## 1 Ninomaru (2nd Ward)



This two-level enclosure, surrounded by tall stone walls on Minato-yama's northern slope, housed important buildings including the lord's palace, armory, and samurai quarters.

## 2 Naizenmaru (Naizen Ward) named after Naizen Yokota



This enclosure on Maruyama extends thinly into the castle town, with a defensive line established towards the main enclosure.

## 3 Nobori Ishigaki

The ascending stone walls. The symbol of Yonago castle!



Constructed to climb along the ridge from the Naizen ward to the main ward Tomiyagura, it symbolizes the robust Yonago castle built at the end of The Warring States period.

## 4 Tenshudai (the main keep)

The 'Castle in the Sky'!



The 360° view from the top is the best feature of the castle ruins. Like a 'Castle in the Sky' overlooking the sea, marvel at the panoramic view of the castle town, Mt. Daisen, and Lake Nakaumi.

## 5 Banshoato (guardhouse)



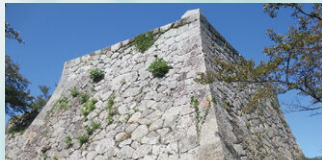
This used to be the location of a guardhouse. A moat was running from here to Masugata.

## 6 Tomiyagura (lookout)



The breathtaking sight of Nakaumi below and the imposing main ward towering behind it are complemented by the stone walls leading up to this point.

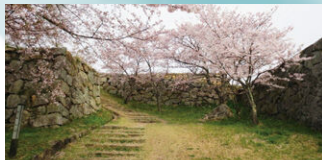
## 7 Shijuyaguradai (stonewalls)



The stonewalls built with the Kirikomihagi technique were repaired in the end of the Edo period. There is a stone called "Wasure ishi" on the corner at the top of the wall.

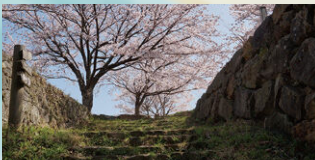
## 8 Kurokane mon-ato

Remains of the Iron Gate



The remains of an iron-plated gate installed to safeguard the main ward. Facing towards Yonago Station on the eastern side."

## 9 Mizunote-gomon Gate



Located on the west side of the main ward. The gate used to protect the Fukaura side that served as a naval base.



"Kuruwa" is an open area which is built on stonewalls



Caution

The castle mountain, about 90 meters tall, may harbor dangerous creatures like hornets depending on the season. Please be cautious during your exploration and observation of the flora.

Plenty of rare plants as well to discover!

## nature watching /

April



### Tokai Dandelion

This native dandelion blooms in the castle mountain area. While there are many naturalized plants such as the Western dandelion, this native species has become increasingly rare. If you spot one, take a close look!

April



### Viola Gryocephala

March



### Wild Camelia



**VR Yonago Castle back to life in VR**

Rediscover the charm of Yonago Castle in these 6 areas

- Third Ward
- Nobori Ishigaki
- Masugata
- The guardhouse
- Second Ward Palace
- The Iron Gate

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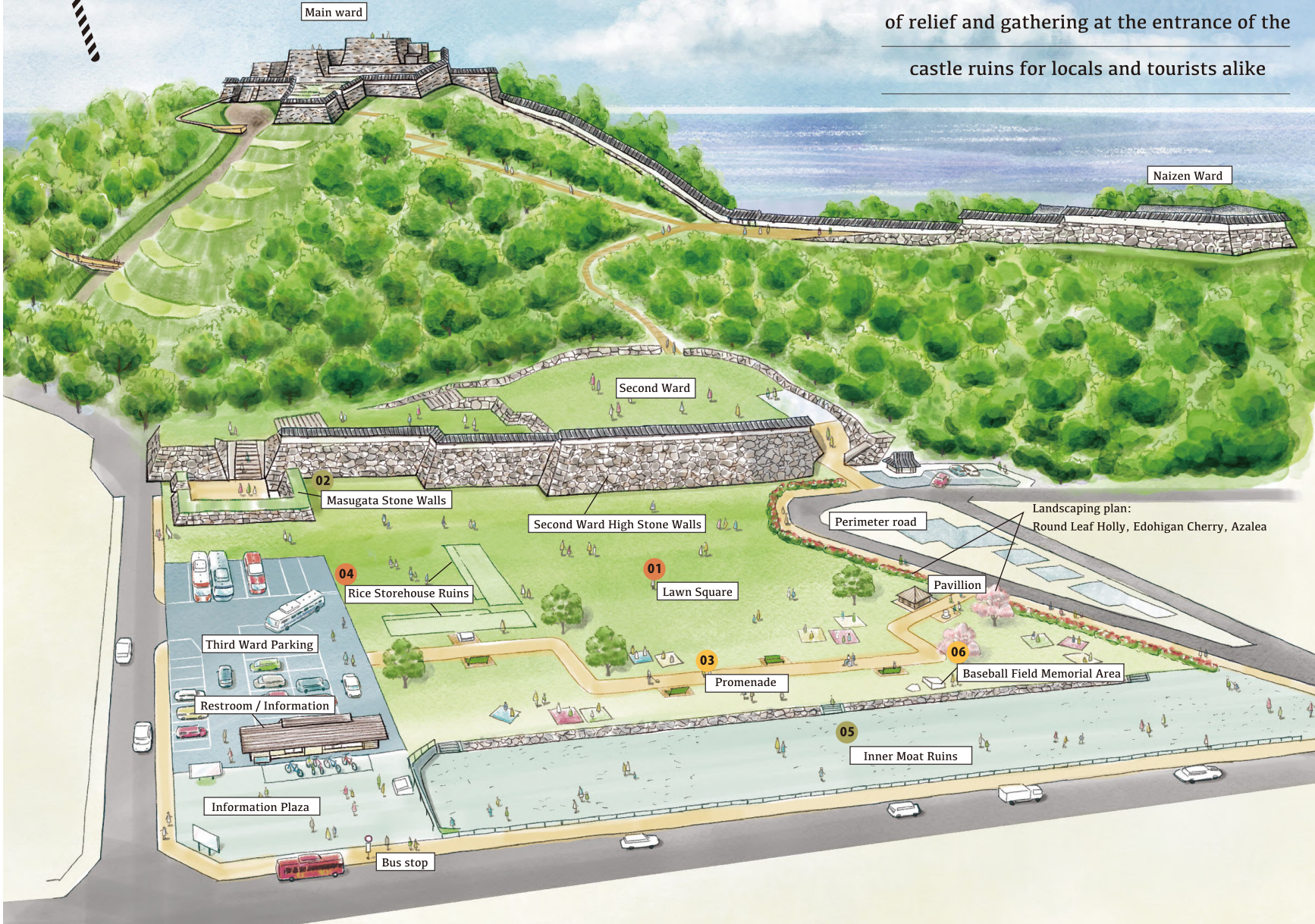
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Yonago castle ruins are currently undergoing maintenance. We apologize in advance for the inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

Completion plan  
for the Third Ward  
Square renovation

## The future of Yonago Castle Ruins

The Third Ward square is currently undergoing maintenance to become a place of relief and gathering at the entrance of the castle ruins for locals and tourists alike



### POINT 01 Lawn Square

We will create a relaxing area where visitors to Yonago Castle can unwind while getting a feel of the original height of the Second Ward stone walls.

### POINT 02 Masugata Stone Walls

We are gradually creating a "Stone wall record" to assess their condition. Signs of change are repaired using traditional methods to preserve their historical value.

### POINT 03 Promenade

We are recreating this promenade based on roads identified during excavation on the Third Ward.

### POINT 04 Rice Storehouse Ruins

A flat representation of two rice storehouses site will be displayed to convey the historical significance of the Third Ward.

### POINT 05 Inner Moat Ruins

From the excavation surveys results, a flat representation of the moat will be created to convey the castle's boundaries. Part of this area will become the 'Information Plaza' of Yonago Castle ruins.

### POINT 06 Baseball Field Memorial Area

To commemorate the history of the once beloved Minatoyama Baseball Field, the original home base and other artifacts will be installed.