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Welcome to Yamba Tenmei Mudflow Museum

Coinciding with the construction of the Yamba Dam, the Gunma Archaeological Research Foundation and the Town Board of Education conducted a large-scale archaeological survey in Naganohara Town for 26 years from 1994 to 2019. This museum was established to house and display the findings of the archaeological survey for many people, including the townspeople. The survey was conducted in the "Yamba" area, which includes the area now submerged by the dam, and the area newly created for the people relocated to start their new life. The survey area was about 1 million square meters. Archaeological artifacts from the Jomon period to the Edo period were found in layers, including many remarkable relics belonging to each period. In particular, in Tenmei 3 (1783) during the Edo period, villages were buried in the "Tenmei mudflow" caused by the large eruption of Mt. Asama. The mudflow preserved the village life as it was under the ground, like a time-capsule. The survey revealed the people's livelihood, including how they lived, what they wore, and how they ate. The main exhibition focuses on materials related to the 3rd year of Tenmei, and the theme exhibition is structured so that you can easily understand the geological and cultural path that the Yamba area has taken from the characteristics of potteries and stone tools.