

Akayama

This place is called Akayama Hill. On top of it stands Nagomi Tower, which is designated as a registered tangible cultural property of Japan. In the past, it was used as a building to communicate with the townspeople from the top of the tower. Recently, it has been popular with tourists as an observatory because you can see the island. However, it is dangerous after 60 years since it was built, so it has been closed to the public since 2016.

This place is called Akayama Park. Here you can see the stars that were seen in the old days, drum stones / Taiko stones that make a sound when struck, Small children can play with, the horse stone and when they grow up they will grow up to be fine adults who can ride horses. (There is a horse stone that I hoped to ride. It is also a culturally important place.) The view of the town of Taketomi Island from here is a townscape preservation district that was first selected as a national preservation district for groups of traditional buildings in Okinawa Prefecture. You can see the original scenery of Okinawa, such as the red tile roof, the Shisa with various faces, the white sand road, the coral wall, and the colorful flowers. Also, the elderly on the island take a broom early in the morning and while it is still dark to clean the white sand. You can feel the morning scenery that has continued unchanged for hundreds of years. The island has rules for Taketomi Island. Don't sell, don't pollute, don't disturb, don't destroy. The people of the island protect the townscape by deciding on these five basics. Thanks to these rules, we can still appreciate this scenery.