



## Nakayama Senmaida (Thousand Rice Terraces)

Nakayama, Shodoshima-cho, Shozu-gun  
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Association)  
<http://shodoshima.or.jp/>

Beautiful view of approximately 800 terraced rice fields



### Introduction

This traditional rural landscape expands across the mountain slopes of central Shodoshima Island. Terraced rice fields are built on sloping land in order to enable rice production in the mountains. An area where these terraces are concentrated is called 'senmaida' (thousand rice terraces). In Japan there are many mountain areas with terraced rice fields.

This must see area features approximately 800 rice terraces of all sizes, lined up across the slopes of this rich natural environment. Throughout the year you can take in the different views – rice transplanting time, when the rice fields are filled with water, and harvesting time, when the whole area is covered in the deep green of the mature rice plants.

This is also the site where the Japanese Academy award-winning film 'Yokame-no-Sem' (Eighth Day of Cicadas) was shot. Thanks to the filming, the 300-year tradition of 'mushi-okuri' (sending off the insects) was revived. In the middle of summer, the farmers walk through the fields with flaming torches to rid the rice plants of pests and pray for a bountiful harvest.

### Map Info

Lat 34.505817 Lon 134.242069

The location can be checked on a map online by entering the lat-lon coordinates into a smart phone connected to the Internet.

### Access and Main Routes



#### Ikeda Harbor / Tonosho Harbor

Approx. 60 minutes from Takamatsu Harbor on the ferry bound for Ikeda Harbor. Approx. 15 minutes from Ikeda Harbor by car.  
Approx. 35 minutes from Takamatsu Harbor on the high-speed boat (approx. 60 minutes on the ferry). Approx. 20 minutes from Tonosho Harbor by car.  
(Approx. 20 minutes on the Shodoshima Bus, directly adjacent to Kasuga Shrine Bus Stop)



#### Takamatsu Airport

Airport Limousine Bus available  
Approx. 45 minutes from Takamatsu Airport to JR Takamatsu Station. Approx. 5 minute walk to Takamatsu Harbor.  
Approx. 60 minutes from Takamatsu Harbor on the ferry bound for Ikeda Harbor. Approx. 15 minutes from Ikeda Harbor by car  
Approx. 35 minutes from Takamatsu Harbor on the high-speed boat (approx. 60 minutes on the ferry).  
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### Facility Info



Free



No holidays



Free



Available



Available (inside the nearby Nakayama Kasuga Shrine)



Free Wifi: Not available



Multilingual Tools / Pamphlet  
(English and Chinese version of the Nakayama Walking Map are available at the Shodoshima Tourism Association), Shodoshima Tourism Association Website (English)

Time Req 15 - 30 minutes

Recommen End-April to end-September

Indoor/Outdoor Outdoor

Ref

### Nearby Facilities

Toyo Olive KAG-food003 / Kankakei SYO-spot001 / Way Station Shodoshima Olive Park SYO-spot002