

User Guide

- **Opening Hours** 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (Last entry: 4:30 pm)
- **Closed** December 27 to January 1
*subject to temporary closure on special occasions (information released accordingly)
- **Admission** [Permanent exhibition] Adult: ~~470~~ ³⁷⁰ yen each for groups of 20 or more people
Free: Senior High School Students and under, holders of the Kochi Prefecture or Kochi City's Long Life Certificate, Rehabilitation Certificate, Disabled Persons' Handbook, War Injury and Sickness Certification, A-bomb Survivors' Certificate, and one accompanying carer.
*Additional fee for special exhibitions
- **Access** By car: approx. 20 min. from center of Kochi City
By car: approx. 10 to 15 min. from Kochi I.C. or Nankoku I.C.
By Kochiken Kotsu bus: ~~Take the bus bound for Kochi Prefectural Museum of History, get off at the last stop (runs three times a day)~~
: Take a bus for Ryoseki, Naro or Tai (runs 1~2 times per hour) and get off at Gakko-bunki Stop (entrance of the museum). Approx. 10 min. by foot from there.

Access



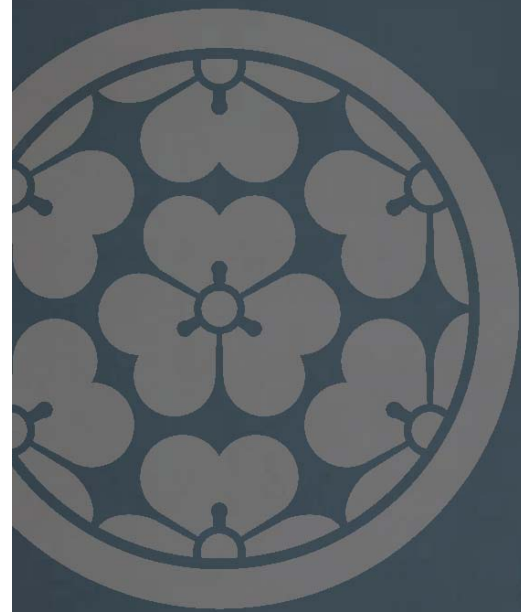
Cover photograph
Wooden statue of the sitting figure of Motochika Chosokabe (property of Hada Shrine, Kochi City)

Commemoration stamp

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Kochi Prefectural Museum of History



Mt Oko Historical Park

(Oko Castle Ruins, designated as a national historical site on July 28, 2008)

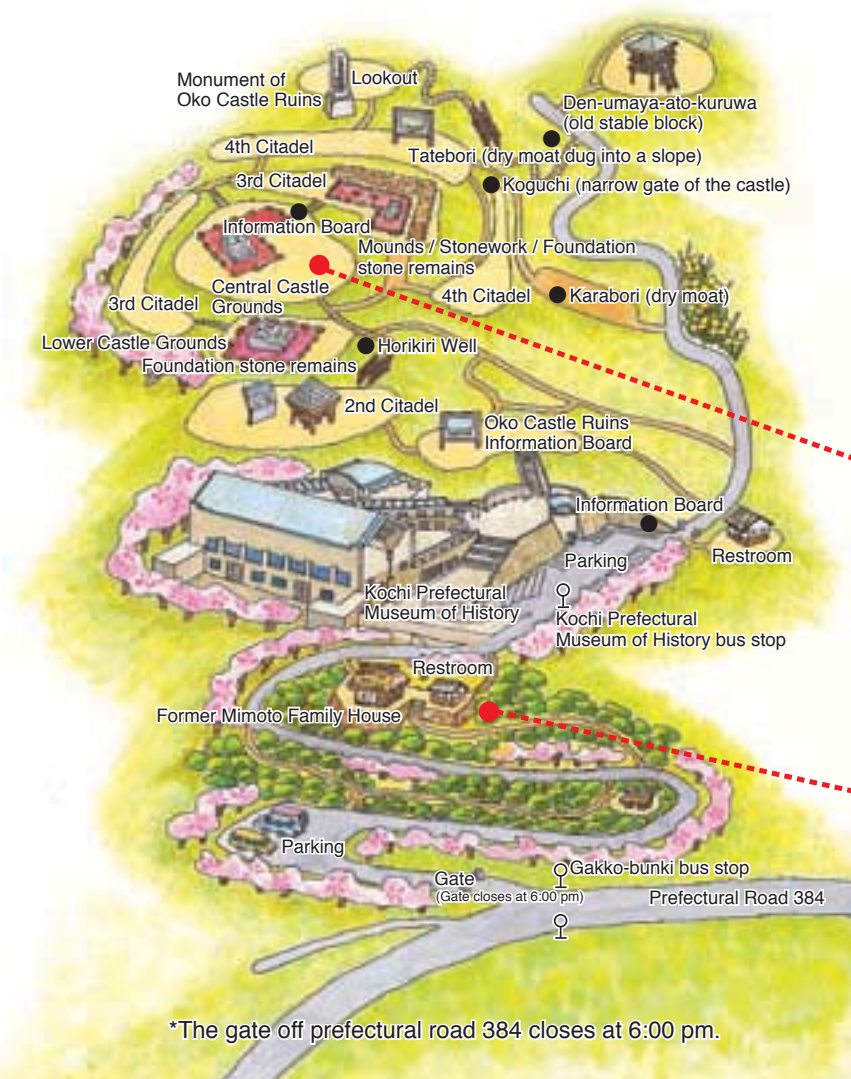
Mt Oko Historical Park consists of the Oko Castle Ruins built by Chosokabe Motochika, one of the strongest powers in Shikoku during the Warring States period (15th to 16th centuries). The ancient castle structures such as foundation stones, mounds, and stoneworks have been restored, and a typical residential house in the mountain village (former house of the Mimoto Family) has been removed from its original site (Tsuncho, Takaoka-gun) and rebuilt here. In the park, various kinds of flowers including cherry blossoms will delight visitors all year round.



The Kochi Prefectural Museum of History has been treasured by a large number of people since its opening in May 1991. The museum has been collecting, preserving and investigating documents and objects in a variety of areas including prefectural history, archaeology and folklore. It has published its accomplishments widely by means of exhibitions, lectures, talk sessions, children's classrooms, catalogs, and research bulletins. The building is located on Mount Oko by the Oko Castle Ruins (a National historical site) where forces of the Chosokabe clan once resided during the Warring States period (15th to 16th centuries). The mountain has now been turned into a park where people can stroll leisurely whilst learning about the history of the place.

In April 2010, to accommodate our new findings, we conducted an extensive renewal of the displays for our permanent exhibition to make it more flexible and approachable for visitors. Furthermore, as the location of the museum is associated with the Chosokabe clan, we set up a dedicated exhibition space to display the documents and objects regarding the Chosokabe clan and the Oko Castle Ruins.

We hope that the museum can provide a good opportunity for visitors to learn about the region's history, to meet other people, and serve as a stepping stone to the development for a better future.



Restored central castle grounds of the Oko Castle Ruins



Former Mimoto Family House main building
Relocated from the mountain village (Designated as a national tangible cultural property on April 28, 2000)

*The gate off prefectural road 384 closes at 6:00 pm.

General Display Room (3/F)



Historical artifacts related to Kochi Prefecture from the prehistoric ages to the present day are on display.

Map of Tosa clan's territories



Aiaigasa (doll of the Yosakoi lovers)

Teisosha (cart used by postal workers)

Bronze sword (Important Cultural Property)
Property of Usaïda Hachimangu, Konan City



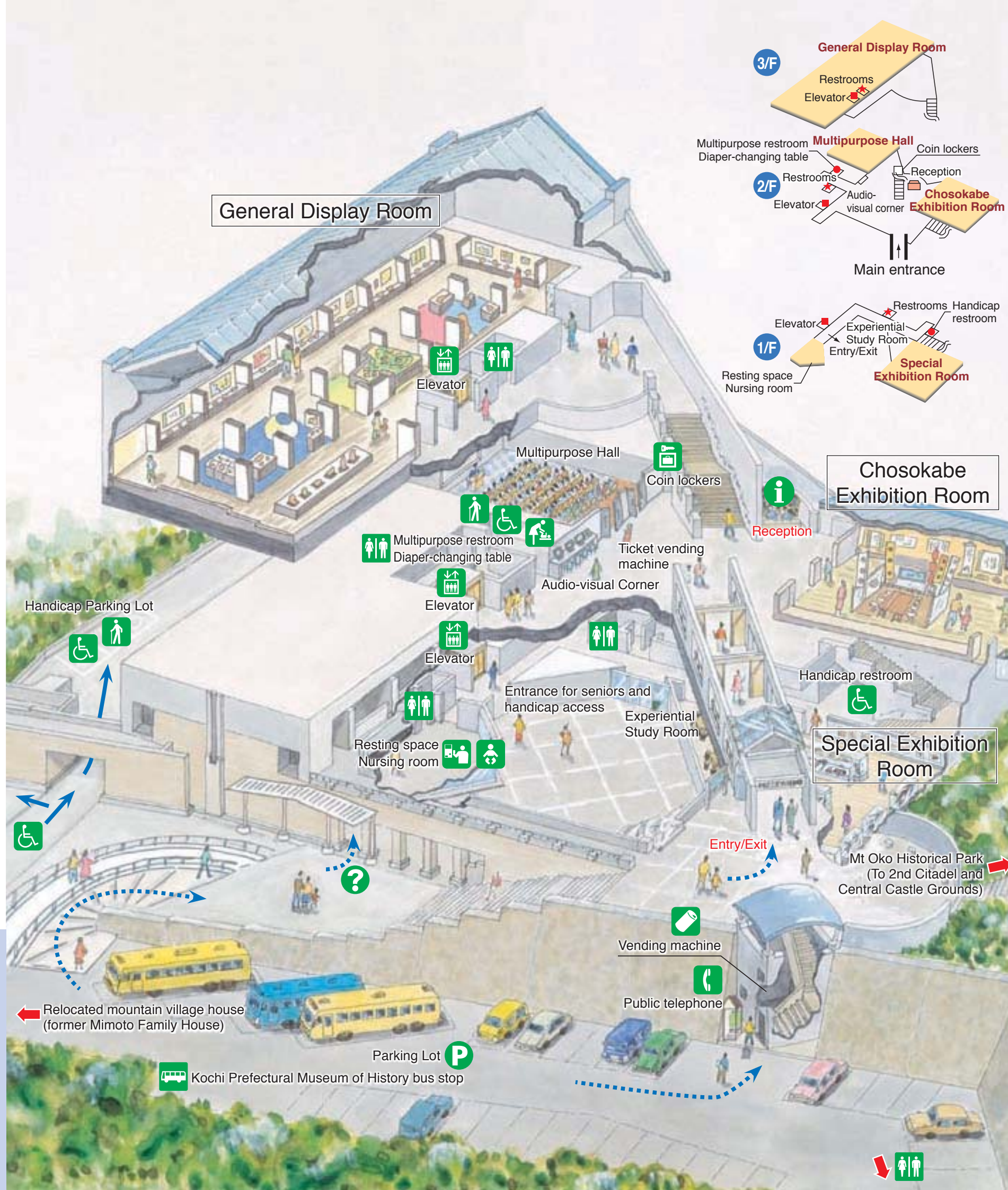
Tosa Obake-zoshi (story book on ghosts), copy, original owned by Tadashi Horimi



Kujirano-osakazuki (Large lacquer bowl)
Property of Nobuhiko Tada

Resting space / Nursing room / Free space (1/F)

This free resting space with views into the central courtyard is open to everyone and is equipped with a nursing area, vending machines, chairs and is also used periodically for the display of artworks.



Chosokabe Exhibition Room (2/F)



Documents and objects regarding the Chosokabe clan and the Oko Castle Ruins are displayed in this room. The main camp of the Chosokabe clan at the battle of Nakatomigawa (1582) is reconstructed in the center of the room so viewers can feel the atmosphere of the Warring States period.

Special Exhibition Room (1/F)

Special exhibitions are held several times a year based on the research and findings of our curators.



Special Exhibition Room

Multipurpose Hall (2/F)

(capacity of 150 persons)

Lectures and courses are held in this hall. It can also be used for meetings and seminars (fee and application required).



Multipurpose Hall

Audio-visual Corner (2/F)

22 visual programs about Tosa's history, archaeology, folklore and festivals are provided for the viewers to enjoy.

Programs: "Tosa's Iwakage Cavern Ruins" (7' 43"), "Tosa's Provincial Governor: Kino Tsurayuki" (7' 4"), "Nonaka Kenzan's Accomplishments" (6' 54"), "Strolling with Cultural Properties Around the Museum" (8' 2"), "Bonito Fishery in Tosa" (3' 57"), "Onta Festival of Kiragawa" (5' 47"), "The Henro (88 Temple Pilgrimage) in Tosa" (8' 14"), "Ryoma Sakamoto: the Man Who was Instrumental in Ending the Tokugawa Shogunate" (6' 40"), etc.



Audio-Visual Corner

Experiential Study Room (1/F)

A variety of books regarding Kochi prefecture are available for reading by visitors. Experiential learning programs such as the Children's History Class are held in this room.

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