

Ogata-mura Guide Volunteer Group

How about touring Ogata with us? We would be happy to show you around the museum and our village. We can tell you all about the land reclamation project and farming here too.

Guide Fee: 200 yen per group (insurance fee only)

We welcome groups of any size, even small groups and families. We are looking forward to your visit!



- Guides will be available during museum opening hours.
- Guide bookings accepted up to 1 week in advance.
- In case of village tours, please allow your guide to ride in your vehicle.
- Field trips and school visits are welcome.
- Pamphlets are available. Please contact the museum for more information.

Museum Classroom

We offer a range of scientific, environmental and nature classes/workshops which make learning about Ogata-mura both fun and rewarding. Please contact the museum for further information. We also promote these events on our webpage and in the local press.



Information

Opening Times	9am – 4:30pm ※Last entry is 4pm.
Admission Fees	Adult (over 18's) 300 yen (250 yen) Child (under 18's) 100 yen (50 yen) ※() group rate for over 15 persons. Registered disabled persons and their assistant are admitted free of charge.
Closing Times	April to September: 2 nd and 4 th Tuesday in the month. October to March: Every Tuesday from October to March. New Year Holidays (December 31 st to 3 rd January) (Open Tuesdays on national holidays and will close the following day)

Access Information

- 90 min by car from Akita Airport. (60 min by expressway)
- 60 min by car from JR Akita station. (50 min by expressway)
- 20 min by car from JR Hachirogata station.
- 20 min by car from Kotooka-Moritake IC.

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The Reclamation of Hachirogata

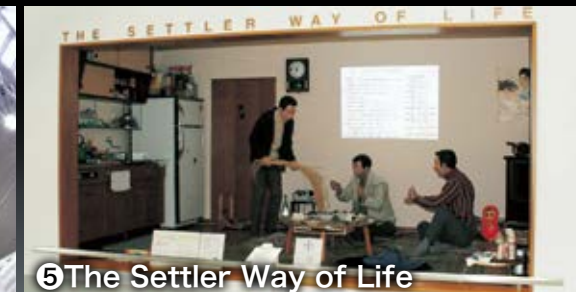
Conveying our great achievement to future generations

The [Environment Creation for Agriculture] and [Living with the Land] exhibits

show the low-impact agricultural methods widely used by Ogata farmers to support and maintain this precious environment.



- 1 The History of Hachirogata and Ogata-mura**
This informative display takes an historical look at Hachirogata, the reclamation project and Ogata-mura.
- 2 Living Below Sea Level**
Hachirogata used to be the 2nd largest lake in Japan after Lake Biwa. You are now standing on what once was the lake bed. Look up! This display will give you something to think about!
- 3 Ogata Theater**
It shows a series of short movies about the reclamation and agriculture in Ogata-mura. Also take a look at life through the four seasons. Narration is available in Japanese and English.
- 4 The Newborn Land**
Learn about the dikes, pumping stations and infrastructure that plays a vital role in the polder water management system of Ogata-mura.
- 5 The Settler Way of Life**
Special news clips relating to the reclamation project and a slideshow of the story 'Hachirotarō' can be enjoyed here.
- 6 Land of Plenty**
The lake bed of Hachirogata was rich in nutrients but soft and sludgy. Cultivation of this semi-solid soil was a constant challenge. You can learn more about these special conditions and the hardships faced by farmers here.



Ogata Movie Archive

The museum has rare archive footage relating to Hachirogata reclamation project and the history of Ogata-mura. Please enjoy the following movies.

Land is Born

A visual account of Hachirogata reclamation project. **25 mins.**

Ogata Develops

From the birth of Ogata-mura to the 5th wave of settlers. The story is told in 6 parts, each part is **25 ~ 30 mins** long.

Shown on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays between 10am and 3:15pm.

Movies will also be shown on weekdays upon request.

About Hachirogata Reclamation Project

[History of Hachirogata Reclamation Project]

1952	Hachirogata reclamation plan launched.
1954	Dutchman Prof. Jansen came to Japan. Jansen report released.
1957	Hachirogata reclamation plan completed. Reclamation work begins.
1959	Work begins on dikes, water barrier and pumping stations.
1963	Completion of dikes and pumping stations. Pumping begins.

1964	5,500ha of land reclaimed. Reclamation ceremony. Ogata-mura created.
1965	Creation of Hachirogata New Farm Village Construction Agency.
1966	15,666ha of land reclaimed. Reclamation completed. Applications for 1 st wave of settlers accepted. New settler orientation starts.
1967	Arrival of 1 st wave of settlers - followed by a further 4 waves of settlers.
1977	Hachirogata New Farm Village Construction Agency reclamation project completed.

[Reclamation Data]

Area of Hachirogata Lagoon before reclamation	: 22,024ha
Main reclaimed area (Ogata-mura)	: 15,666ha
Reclaimed area (surrounding towns)	: 1,563ha

[Construction Cost]

Government reclamation cost	: 54.3 billion yen.
Hachirogata New Farm Village Construction Agency	: 30.9 billion yen.