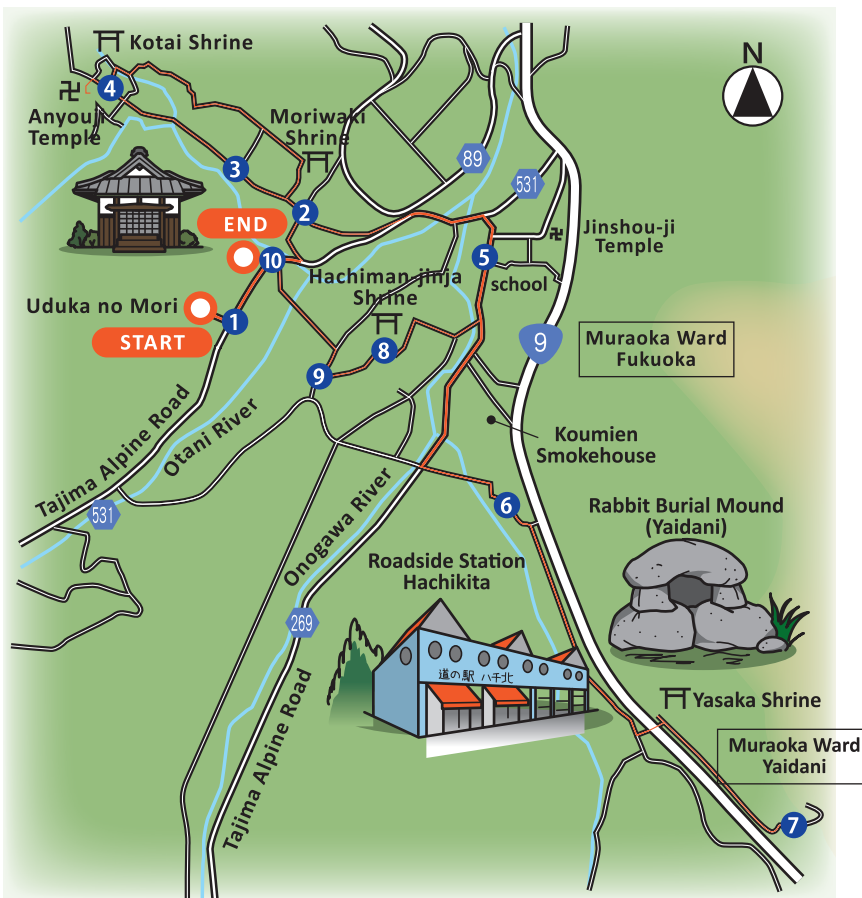


Uduka History Course - Legend of the Rabbit Burial Mounds

The old legend of three rabbits and how they attributed to the name Uduka. From Mt. Hachimanyama where the Yamana clan had once set up camp, you can look over the once prosperous castle town of Fukuoka. Together, Hachiman-jinja Shrine and the burial mounds with their horizontal stone chamber create a distinctive feeling of an ancient time long ago.

- 1 Starting at "Uduka no Mori", follow the prefectural road to the left and turn left after the short bridge, begin climbing the slope.
- 2 Turn left at the crossroads and walk uphill.
- 3 Walk for about 5 minutes and you will come across a boulder where it is believed a Madara fox spirit once sat, and is said to be the birthplace of Wachi Village.
- 4 Continue walking for another 5 min. and you'll see "Anyouji Temple" up to the right where the road curves slightly. Anyouji Temple is a temple of the Shingon Sect of Buddhism and the Amida Nyorai ("The Buddha of Immeasurable Light & Life") is its principal deity. Fudounotaki Waterfall and a weeping cherry tree welcome visitors. On the grounds are the ruins of Nishi Dono's, from Kumano of Kii province in the era of Emperor Shomu, imperial court. Enshrined at the Inari Shrine near the entrance, are the Madara fox the led Nishi Dono to this place and Nishi Dono who is also known as the Inari Daimyo-jin God.



- 5 Walk for 20 minutes from "Anyouji Temple" along the side roads through the rice fields via "Moriwaki Shrine". Cross 2 bridges and then turn right and pass along the private house next to the first rabbit's burial mound, the "Riverside Rabbit Burial Mound". You can appreciate the "Rabbit Burial Mounds" more if you know their origin and legend. The "Riverside Rabbit Burial Mound" is on the shore of the Ono River on the north side of Fukuoka Village, and lies between the back of the house and the river. When visiting, it is recommended that you speak to the manager, Mr./Mrs. Inoue (0796-96-0008), to pass through their private land beside their house.
- 6 Return to the original road, after walking for 5 minutes you will come upon to the old castle townscape, turn left at the crossroads and you will soon arrive at Roadside Station Hachikita. The station has a place to buy snacks and a café, we recommend getting the beef bowl or curry udon with Tajima beef. This is also a good place to rest.
- 7 From the roadside station, climb national highway route No.9 to the side for about 20 min., you'll see a large tree with winding branches and stones piled up like a stone chamber creating a mythical atmosphere. This is the "Yaidani Rabbit Burial Mound". The mound is on the mountain side near the entrance to "Tajima Tunnel" along Route No.9 at Yaidani Pass.
- 8 Return down the same road you came on back to the roadside station, continue on for about another 20 minutes to "Hachimanyama Park", turn left at the bridge over the river and climb the stone steps towards "Hachimanyama Park". At the park are four ancient tombs designated as a prefectural cultural property site and are a preservation, and there are works of sculptors from six countries placed in the vicinity.
- 9 As soon as you get to the bottom of the other side of Hachimanyama Park you will come to the "Shimonakayama Rabbit Burial Mound". This mound is similar in shape to that of the Yaidani mound.
- 10 Turn left at the fork ahead of the Shimonakayama burial mound, and after 3 min. you'll reach another fork with a two-lane road. Turn left here and walk for about 5 minutes. You will return close to where you started and the end of this course.



- **Difficulty** : ★★★
- **Restroom** : Michi no Eki (roadside station) Hachikita
- **Access** : Train / Bus: JR Yoka Sta., Zentan Bus
Get off at Moriwakibashikami bus stop.
Car: Uduka no Mori
- **Contact** : Uduka no Mori
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Approx. Distance

7 km