

Yakushima History and Folk Museum

Located by scenic Miyanoura River, the Yakushima History and Folk Museum tells the history of the people of Yakushima and aims to preserve its culture for future generations. The museum features a permanent exhibition covering artefacts from ancient times to the present. Objects include prehistoric pottery, locally-produced textiles, and old fishing tools, many of which were acquired through excavations and donations.

One of the most impressive parts of the museum is a real-scale replica of a traditional house that was built before World War II on nearby Kuchinoerabu Island. The bamboo structure was based on old photographs and can be entered and viewed from the inside.

The museum's signs are only in the Japanese language, but a pamphlet with English information is available at the cashier. The museum is open Tuesday to Sunday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The entrance fee is 100 yen for adults and 50 yen for school children.