

Takeno Coast: An Overview

The northern coastline of Hyogo Prefecture, called the Takeno Coast, offers beautiful stretches of white sandy beach, crystal-clear seas, as well as stunning rock formations. The coastline is actually one section of the expansive San'in Kaigan UNESCO Global Geopark, which stretches from Kyoto Prefecture through to Tottori Prefecture, featuring a dynamic range of natural and geological history-related attractions. The unique characteristics of the climate and geography of the area give the Takeno Coast an abundance of wildlife, picturesque landscapes, and regional food.

During the Edo period (1603–1868), the Takeno area functioned as an important harbor in the coastal shipping trade due to favorable winds and convenient location between the eastern and western sea routes. Today, the area is a quiet fishing town boasting four natural beaches, nature trails, and various experiences that both locals and visitors can enjoy.