

Nodachi Rock

Nodachi Rock is about 10 meters high and according to local legend, more than 100 people can stand on it at once. In 1600, the lord of nearby Utsunomiya passed through Shiobara with his entourage while heading north to the Aizu domain. Lacking proper accommodations, they camped for the night on top of this massive boulder. The rock was, perhaps wryly, named *nodachi*, a term that normally referred to an open-air rest break that high-ranking persons might take during a pleasure trip to the countryside.