

Bandokorobana Nature Park and Seahorse House

Bandokorobana Nature Park is an important natural and historical place, named after the *bansho* guardhouse that was once stood here. Cartographer and surveyor Ino Tadataka (1745–1818) once declared the views to be the best in the world when he stopped at the park during one of his surveying expeditions to produce Japan's first comprehensive national modern map. From the observation area visitors can enjoy the same panoramic views of Mt. Kaimon that so astounded Ino. There are a number of walking paths in the park, including a 2.5-kilometer coastline path that leads to Kamafuta Shrine. Nearby Seahorse House is a colorful sightseeing spot and café devoted to protecting these tiny sea creatures, considered symbols of marital harmony.