

Uragaoka Viewpoint

Spectacular Views and a Sea Quarry

Uragaoka offers spectacular views of the sea and the sight of Unjima, the little island with a lighthouse off to the south.

The coral reef that can be seen just to the southeast is a site of historical interest. The few craggy lumps of dark gray coral protruding from the water mark the spot where the islanders once quarried the coral limestone used to construct the sturdy walls around their homes (the Nemoto House in Tokashiki is one good example). The coral here is easy to carve, making it well suited to the construction of tight-knit, typhoon-resistant walls. This is the only place on Tokashiki where this particular limestone coral can be found, so keep this spot in mind when looking at the old walls in the villages on the island.

Note that some maps, signs, etc., may refer to the Uragaoka Viewpoint by its former name, Maetake Rindo Lookout.

SUGGESTED PHOTO(S)

1. ("Hero image") View from the observation point with coral lumps
2. The observation point itself
3. Turn in the road to get to the viewpoint