

Take no Tanada Terraced Rice Paddies

In order to make the most of Arita's mountainous terrain, farmers during the early Edo period (1603–1867) painstakingly built terraced rice paddies along many of its slopes. In 1999, the picturesque Take no Tanada paddies in the northwestern area of the town were selected as one of the top 100 terraced paddies in the country by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries. The approximately 570 rice paddies are important for retaining rainwater and for preserving the natural ecosystem. At approximately 400 meters above sea level, the view from the paddies stretches over the porcelain-producing towns of Arita and Imari all the way to the Japan Sea coast.

Various events are held at the terraces throughout the year by local groups. Take no Tanada Hall has a parking lot where most people park before exploring the rice terraces. Check the Take no Tanada Walking Map for the best route and photo spots to make the most of your visit. The map features a twenty-minute strolling loop, which may be overgrown in some parts, and a thirty five-minute course on a concrete path. Stone walls and other artifacts of agrarian life from 400 years ago are still visible.