

Site of the Miyama 2nd Battery

This was the site of the Miyama 2nd Battery, one of five batteries constructed in Miyama in the 1890s to defend the strategically important approach to Osaka Bay. The Miyama batteries were later officially incorporated into the Yura Fortress, a series of defensive fortifications stretching across the entire Kitan Strait. In addition to those here in Miyama, the Yura Fortress included batteries in Yura on Awaji Island on the far side of the strait, and on Tomogashima, the island cluster in the middle of the strait.

The Miyama 2nd Battery had six 28-centimeter howitzers. They were positioned in three groups of two gun mounts. The howitzers are thought to have been situated on the site of the hotel immediately behind here. This one subterranean magazine is all that remains of the original battery. Due to its dilapidated state, it is not possible to go inside.