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TONO Culture and tradition passed down through the ages live on here in Japan's eternal Home. And people live today and go towards the future.

Tono: The Hometown of Folklore

The Legends of Tono and Tono Monogatari Shui

In June 2010, Kunio Yanagita's classic *The Legends of Tono* marked its 100th anniversary. Why not visit the actual scenes of these folktales with *The Legends of Tono* in your hands? There's no better way to experience Tono's legends than to walk where the stories were born. *The Legends of Tono*, published on June 14th, 1910, describes the geographic features of Tono and the 119 mysterious folktales that originate within Tono's mountains, rivers, and other areas. These stories include tales about mountain gods, Kappa, Tengu, Zashiki-warashi, and other mythical beings. Kunio Yanagita had heard these folktales from Kizen Sasaki, a native of Tono. In 1935, a new enlarged edition of 299 tales was published, which was compiled mainly from Kizen Sasaki's researches and records of folktales. This edition is called *Tono Monogatari Shui*.

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"The Legend of Tono's Three Mountains" (Mt. Hayachine, Mt. Rokkoushi, Mt. Ishigami)

A mother goddess came to Tono along with her three daughters and told them that she would give the best mountain to the one who had the finest dream. That night, the youngest sister noticed that a sacred lotus flower descended from heaven onto the eldest sister's bosom. While the eldest was still asleep, the youngest sister took the lotus flower and placed it on her own bosom. Thus, the youngest sister got the best mountain, Mt. Hayachine, and the other two got Mt. Rokkoushi and Mt. Ishigami, respectively.

"Zashiki-warashi" 17 18 87 ~ 91

It is said that a spirit lives in old houses and sometimes take on a child's figure with bobbed hair. Some say they are boys and others say girls. They are called "Zashiki-warashi". Zashiki literally means a room floored with tatami mats, and Warashi means a child. It is believed that families became wealthy if "Zashiki-warashi" lived there. They are said to be sometimes mischievous, though.

"Kappa" (Mischievous Water Spirits) 55 ~ 59 178

Japan is a country of abundant water. It should be no surprise that there are cautionary tales in every corner of the land telling of mischievous water spirits waiting to drag young children into rivers. However, the Kappa of Tono are particularly famous. They cut an odd figure, with plates on their heads, shells on their backs, beaked mouths, and webbed fingers and toes. Kappa are usually depicted as green and about the size of a human child, though there are stories of red Kappa in Tono too.

"Oshira-sama" 69

Oshira-sama, the god of silk farming is depicted as a set of two dolls carved from mulberry wood, one with the head of a horse, and the other a human head. A sad story has been passed down through the ages, and relates the origins of this representation of the deity. A beautiful farmer's daughter fell in love with a horse. When her father found out, he killed the horse. Soon after that, the daughter and the horse's head ascended to heaven together. Oshira-sama are dressed over the robes already they wear with a new robe on the feast day every year.

One of the Three Mountains of Tono Mt. Ishigami 2 12

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One of the Three Mountains of Tono Mt. Hayachine 2 65 97 126

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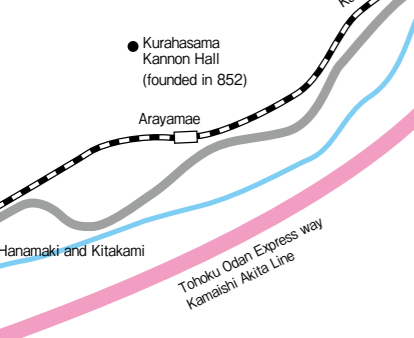
"Tono Furusato Village"
An air of nostalgia wafts throughout the traditional folk village in "Yamazato" woodlands, where several old "Magariya" L-shaped farmhouses are transplanted and still utilized for seasonal hands-on programs of rural life for visitors. "Furusato" means a hometown. This village is often used as a filming location for "Samurai" movies.

"Denshoen"
An Oshirado Hall which enshrines 1,000 Oshirasama deities, the Former Kikuchi Residence "Magariya" L-shaped farmhouse designated an Important Cultural Property, and Sasaki Kizen Memorial Museum are located. They tell the traditional life and rituals in Tono.

To Morioka and Ohasama

Mt. Kasanokayousan 869m

- Restroom
- School
- Hotel, Inn, Minshuku
- Gas Station
- Bus Stop
- Police Station
- Shrine
- Post office
- Temple

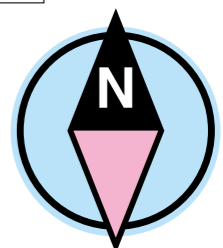


Michi no Eki (Roadside Station) Rest Space, Information, Local Produce Shop

Tono Tourism Association (Gift Shop/Tourist Information Center)

"Unedorisama Shrine" Match-making deity 35
It is said that if you tie a strip of red cloth to the trees in front of this small shrine with only your left hand, you will find your soul mate.

On the left side of the temple, there is a statue called "Kappa Komairu" (a Kappa shaped like a dog).



One of the Three Mountains of Tono Mt. Rokkoushi 2 61 3 97

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Your paying respect to the working people, plants and creatures is greatly appreciated when you are in the farming area. In addition, there are a lot of big and small stones engraved characters everywhere in Tono, which are weather-beaten and mossy. People set them to pray at the spots where they thought very significant or meaningful, and people today keep them with respect.

