

In a world rich with the creations of nature, only we humans have the ability to envision and shape the future. And it is also only we human beings who can make decisions and take actions.

We want everyone to know how dreadful it is to lose sight of what is most important, and not be aware that you have done so.

We want you all to think about why we lose sight of what matters most.

Everyone understands the sanctity of life.

Everyone prays for peace and normality.

As long as we talk together,
think together, work together,

we are sure to make our way to a better future.

2011.3.11

The date of the Great East Japan Earthquake.

The children & staff at the school evacuated to Mt. Hiyori just as they had practiced in drills.

And 1 hour after the quake, a huge tsunami came flooding in. The tsunami caused a fire that enveloped the school building. Over 500 people lost their lives in the Minami-hama and Kadonowaki districts where the school is located.

Ishinomaki City has preserved part of the ruined school building in order to keep alive the memory of the disaster and pass down the lessons learned from it to future generations.

Kadonowaki Elementary School is the only 3.11 memorial facility that includes ruins from a tsunami-caused fire. It hopes to warn that in some cases, even evacuating to high places does not necessarily guarantee complete safety.

General Info

【Hours】 9:00-17:00 (last entry 16:00)

【Closed】 Mondays (or next day if Monday is a holiday)
Dec 29-Jan 3

【Special open days】 11th of every month, Jun 12, Sep 1, Nov 5
(if special open day is a Monday, closed the following day)

【Admission】 adults ¥600
high school students ¥300
junior high/elementary ¥200
pre-school free
※disability certificate holders free
※members of groups of 20 or more get ¥100 discount

Access

○By car

From Sendai : 70 mins using Sanriku Expressway

Nearest Expressway exits : 15 mins from Exit 10 Ishinomakiko,
Exit 11 Ishinomaki-Kanan

Parking : 32 spaces, 3 accessible spaces,
no parking for buses but 2 drop-off spaces

○By bus

12 mins from Ishinomaki Station, bus stop 2,

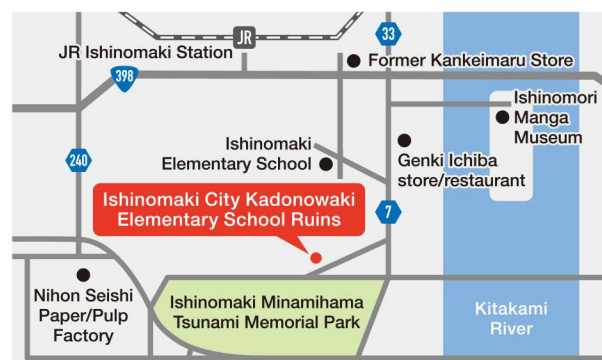
Yamashita-Kadonowaki route, get off at Kadonowaki Yon-choume

○By taxi

10 mins from Ishinomaki Station

○By bicycle (& bicycle rental)

15 mins from Ishinomaki Station



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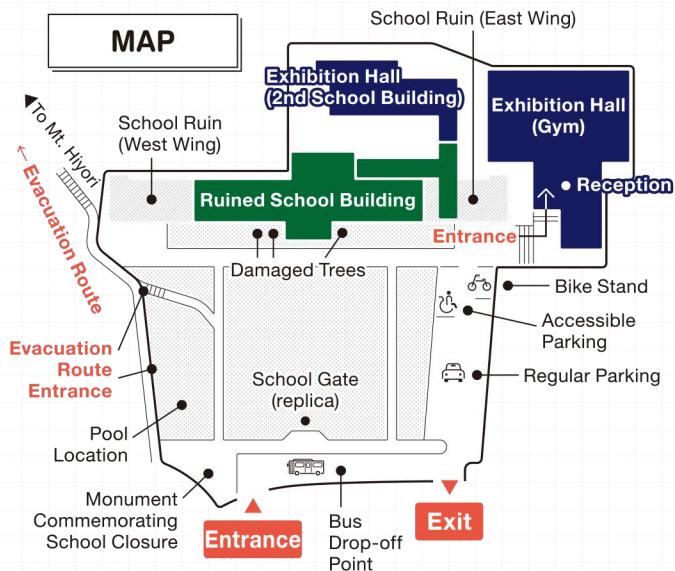
Ishinomaki City Kadonowaki Elementary School Ruins



Recommended Route

《 Exhibit Location 》

- ① Prologue - Overview of Ishinomaki — Exhibition Hall (Gym) 1F
- ② Ruined School Building — School Ruins 1F - 3F
For [③~⑤] climb stairs to 3rd floor
- ③ Passing Down Our Memories —
- ④ Memories of Kadonowaki Elementary School — Exhibition Hall (2nd School Building) 3F
- ⑤ Damage Caused to the School by the Disaster —
For [⑥~⑩] go down stairs to 2nd floor
- ⑥ Evacuation Using Classroom Platforms —
- ⑦ Ishinomaki 3.11 —
- ⑧ The Damage to Ishinomaki City — Exhibition Hall (2nd School Building) 2F
- ⑨ The Ishinomaki Plain & Giant Tsunamis —
- ⑩ Open Your Heart —
For ⑪ go down stairs to 1st floor, re-enter gym
- ⑪ Restoration & Reconstruction — Exhibition Hall (Gym) 1F



Damage Caused to the School by the Disaster ... ⑤



Some items on display, such as a fire door, blackboard and shoe locker, from the ruined school building

Open Your Heart ... ⑩



A space for quiet contemplation, while watching visuals of new life returning to the ruined building

The Ishinomaki Plain & Giant Tsunamis ... ⑨



Subterranean research showing that the Ishinomaki plain has in the past repeatedly been flooded by huge tsunamis

Ruined School Building ... ②



The inside of the tsunami & fire-gutted school building can be seen from the viewing deck installed beside it

Facility Layout

Bathroom ♀ ♂ ♿ Elevator 🚗 Emergency Exit 🚪

Passing Down Our Memories ... ③



An area displaying the experiences of people who went through the disaster through poetry & pictures, giving the visitor an opportunity to reappraise their own lives through the mirror of lessons learned from 3.11

Exhibition Hall (Gym) ... ① ⑪



This area displays tsunami-damaged vehicles, an overview of Ishinomaki, temporary prefabricated housing units and messages of thanks for all the aid received by the City

