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The curiously shaped Tateiwa Rock & local people's lives since ancient times

Walking course around Tateiwa Rock



To preserve these beautiful natural assets, please leave stones and plants as they are. Keep out of dangerous places and do not go off-limits. What you can bring home with you are happy memories, photos and local souvenirs!!

Tateiwa Rock dominating the white beach alone and Byobuiwa Rock looking like a folding screen
The Tango Region around Tateiwa Rock is rich in history: a legend of a prince defeating ogres, Takano Shrine and burial mounds.
Be inspired as you learn about them and experience the Geopark's magnificent scenery!



Among many oral traditions in Tango, there is a legend related to a huge block of andesite called Tateiwa Rock. When Maroko-shin'no (the third prince of the 31st Emperor Yomei) defeated giant ogres here, one of them was enclosed in Tateiwa Rock, which fell down from the sky overnight. It is said that even now one can hear the ogres' wailing on windy nights when the sea is rough.
(*Picture scrolls in Takano Shrine show this story.)

Quiz 1
Which side of the bank is connected with Tateiwa Rock, the right bank or the left one?
Read Geo-Column ① for the answer!

Quiz 2
Which of these is the same height as Byobuiwa Rock?
1. Great Buddha of Nara
2. Five-Storeyed Pagoda in To-ji Temple
3. The stage of Kiyomizudera Temple
Read Geo-Column ① for the answer!

You may be able to see the "phantom waterfall" on rainy days.

