

Message from Hokudan Earthquake Memorial Park

Thirty nine people lost their lives in Hokudan, Awaji City, due to the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake that occurred on January 17, 1995. Two thirds of the houses in the area suffered total or partial collapse. The damage and destruction were great but residents and firefighters worked together to rescue many people quickly who were buried alive under the rubble. By the evening of that day, everybody was accounted for. Thanks to close everyday communication among local residents, the damage was minimized, a fact highly appraised nationwide. This demonstrated that being good neighbors is extremely valuable in saving lives in the event of a natural disaster.

Earthquakes and other natural disasters occur throughout the world. Together with our effort to keep alive the memory of the earthquake, we are preserving the Nojima Fault so that visitors can view and appreciate the brutality of the forces of nature, driving home the message of how important it is to be well prepared for natural disasters and how precious human life is.

You can buy local produce and gifts from Hokudan and enjoy a tasty meal at the restaurant.



Shop Hokudan

Hokudan is famous for its loquats and onions. Our shop is full of food items and gifts using these delicacies, as well as fresh local vegetables in season. (Opening hours: 9:00 to 17:00)



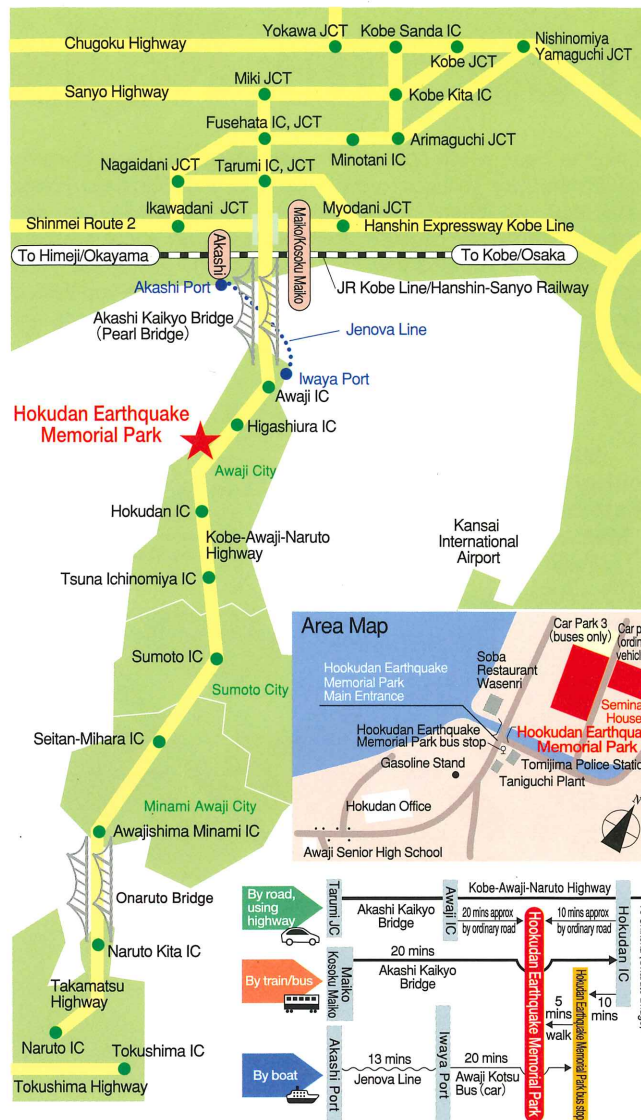
Restaurant

Informal eating space: on the menu are loquat ice cream (exclusive to Phoenix Park), octopus rice laden with octopus caught in northern Awaji, and tempura conger eel rice containing two whole conger eel tempura. Meals for large groups by arrangement. (Seating capacity: 180) (Opening hours: 10:00 to 15:30)



Loquat ice cream

Soft ice cream containing loquat fruit, a Phoenix Park exclusive: Try it and love it!



Nojima Fault
Preservation Museum
Admission Charges
※Group discount
for 30 or more

	Individual	Group	Disabled Concession
Adult	730yen	660yen	360yen
Secondary School Pupils	310yen	280yen	150yen
Primary School Pupils	260yen	230yen	120yen

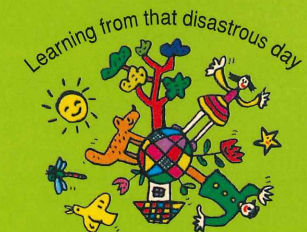
Free parking for 200 cars and 50 tourist buses
The Museum closes on certain days at the end of December. Please check.
(Opening hours: 9:00 to 17:00)

Designated National Natural Monument Nojima Fault

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Message from the Nojima Fault



Earthquake House

A private house standing astride the earthquake fault has been preserved. The fault running through the plot is on display, together with exhibits illustrating what the earthquake did to the building. The kitchen has been reconstructed to show what it was like straight after the earthquake.



Earthquake Oral History

In order for the earthquake disaster not to be forgotten, personal experiences are recounted for the benefit of future generations.

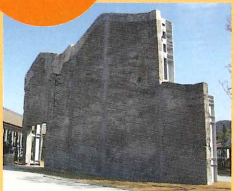
- ◆ Tuesdays, 10:00 to 12:00, 14:00 to 16:00
- ◆ Sessions for large groups are held in the Seminar House (by arrangement only, charges apply)

Educational facility covering a wide array of topics, including the mechanisms of earthquakes, active faults around the world, liquefaction demonstration and tsunami simulation video.

Active Fault Lab



Kobe Wall



This is the firewall from the Wakamatsu Market in the Nagata district of Kobe. It withstood the Kobe Air Raid during World War II and the earthquake and fire of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. Alongside the Nojima Fault, it is a visual reminder of the earthquake disaster.

The Nojima Fault, which appeared in the wake of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake (officially now known as the Southern Hyogo Earthquake), has been preserved and is on display in situ. Commentaries clearly describe and inform visitors about the Fault from a variety of perspectives. Not only does the facility set out to preserve the memory of the earthquake but also to make you think of large earthquakes that might occur in future. Valuable lessons and information need to be communicated to all people, young and old.

Earthquake Fault Preservation Zone



The Nojima Fault is a Natural Monument as designated by the Japanese Government. The Fault is preserved in situ and under cover. Topographical changes are explained simply to viewers, through cameras and commentaries.



Earthquake Room



Visitors can have a simulated experience of the Southern Hyogo Earthquake (registering 7 on the JMA seismic intensity scale); maximum load, 9 persons. The audiovisual theatre shows footage of the earthquake.



Southern Hyogo Earthquake and Nojima Fault

The Southern Hyogo Earthquake (the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake) that struck at 5:46 a.m. on January 17, 1995 measured 7.3 in magnitude on the Richter Scale and 7 (maximum) on the Japanese Meteorological Agency's seismic intensity scale. The death toll was 6,434, the largest of all earthquakes since World War II. A 10-km long earthquake fault appeared in Hokudan (now part of Awaji City) on Awaji Island. Particularly badly hit was the Ogura district, where numerous roads, hedges and rice field ridges show the effects of devastation. They bear direct witness to the massive force of seismic energy and the power of nature as seen in the complexly distorted surface of the ground caused by tectonic movement. (Designated as Natural Monument by the Japanese Government on July 31, 1998)

