

Bullet holes made at the Battle of Shiroyama (the final battle of the Satsuma Rebellion)

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Countless holes can be seen in the stone walls around the Goromon Gate area. When examining these holes, you can see pieces of bullets and shells imbedded in the stone. From the bullets and shells found in the excavation survey of the area, it was determined that the scars were made at the Satsuma Rebellion in 1877.

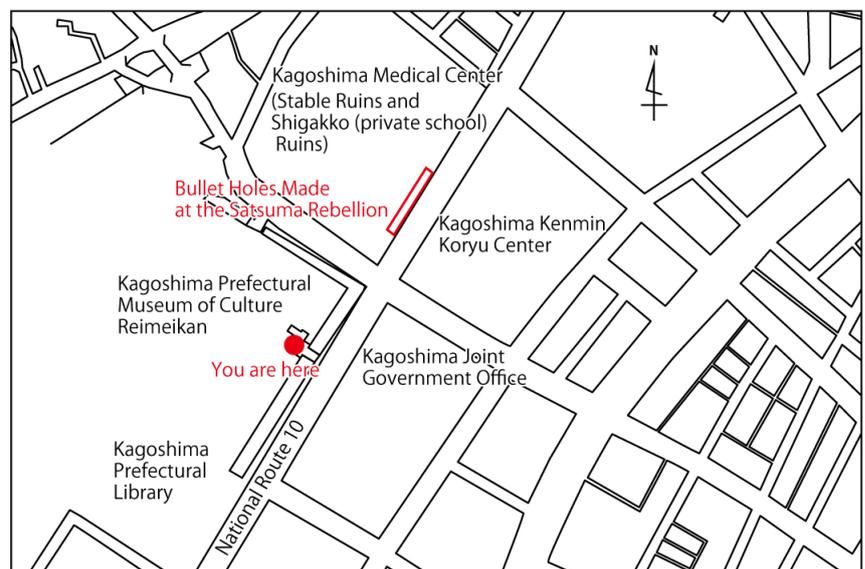
Saigo's force, which had lost battles in Kumamoto and Miyazaki, returned to Kagoshima in September 1877 and took up position in Shiroyama for the final battle. The opposing government force of 50,000 soldiers surrounded the area and fired countless bullets and shells at Saigo's force.

The bullet and shell holes in the stone walls of the Goromon Gate enable us to see the fierceness of the attacks that took place from several locations.

Stone walls (approx. 100 m north from here: see the map on the bottom right) of the private school and its surrounding area built in the ruins of Kagoshima (Tsurumaru) Castle's stable (currently Kagoshima Medical Center) are valuable assets that tell the story of the Satsuma Rebellion, the last civil war in Japan.



▲ Bullet holes and bullet fragments in the stone wall



▲ Guide Map around Shigakko