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### Yama no Kami Ruins

#### National Historic Site

The Yama no Kami Ruins are located on the west edge of the Seta Hill, and are a site where Sue pottery has continued to be discovered since long ago. Through excavations conducted at the site, the remains of a furnace and workshop for producing pottery have been discovered. The oldest 4th furnace was constructed during the mid-7th century, but unfortunately became unusable after the rear half collapsed during use. Later, the front half of the furnace was attempted to be reused to create four ornamental ridge-end tiles, but the ceiling collapsed and the tiles were left unfinished and abandoned. Many pieces of pottery have been found at the site, and it is believed that many were supplied to locations such as the Otsu Imperial Palace, government offices, and temples. The remains of the furnace and workshop being discovered together is also a rarity for sites of this nature. The Yama no Kami Ruins have been designated as a national historic site, and the four ornamental ridge-end tiles excavated from the site have been designated as important cultural assets as traditional works of art.