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Mt. Mandara Burial Mounds

The Mt. Mandara Burial Mounds span across the ridgeline of Mt. Mandara in Otsu. These burial mounds were built between the 4th and 7th centuries by piling up dirt to create a mound, and inserting the deceased within. There are currently around 120 mounds which have been discovered on the mountain, and while there are many styles of burial mounds, the ones that remain at this site are round burial mounds. Some of these mounds also feature horizontal stone chambers, with rocks weighing over three tons being used in their construction, demonstrating the high engineering capabilities of the time.