

## 9\_10\_English\_衣川廃寺跡(金堂基壇)

Kinugawa Temple ruins (Main Hall Foundation)

National Historic Site

This foundational platform measures approximately 18 meters from east to west, and 15 meters from north to south, and is presumed to have been the base for a long horizontal main hall building with the south side being the front entrance. The platform has a simple exterior, and was constructed using a technique known as “Hanchiku,” which involves gradually piling up and beating on dirt to create a solid structure. Remains of a base stone on the platform, as well as the positioning of a foundational stone, have been discovered. However, the original foundational stone has never been found, and the current one is a replica.