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### Nishira 1st Burial Mound

#### Designated Historic Site of Otsu City

The Nishira 1st Burial Mound is located on the east side of the Katata Hills, on an intricate hillside between the Tenjingawa River and the Orotogawa River. The mound is a keyhole-shaped burial mound (that could also be referred to as a Japanese scallop-shaped burial mound), with a central dividing line that stretches from east to west, and a short front section which hangs off the eastern side of the hill it resides on. The burial mound is 46 meters in length, and its rear section has a diameter of 32 meters. As an excavation has not been conducted, the interior structure of the mound remains unknown, but thatched “fuki-ishi” (roofing stone) measuring 20–30 centimeters in length can be seen covering its outer slopes. The mound is thought to have been constructed during the late 5th century.