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### Kozenji Temple Ruins

The Kozenji Temple Ruins is said to be one of the legendary locations related to the monk Saicho, who is the founder of the Tendai sect of Buddhism. This area is where the home of Saicho's father, Mitsunoobito Momoe, was located, and is believed to be where Saicho spent his childhood. Saicho's childhood name was Mitsunoobito Hirono, and it is said he was from Shiga County's Furuichi Town (which is located on the west bank of the Seta River). In 1988, an excavation was conducted on the ruin's southern slope, and tombs, stone Buddhas, and a five-ring tower dating from the Muromachi Period to the Edo Period were discovered. However, no structural remains of a temple building, etc. have yet been identified.