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Stone Marker of the 1896 Lake Biwa Flood

Designated Tangible Cultural Property of Otsu City

Until the completion of the Seta River dam in 1905, flooding occurred almost every year along the shores of Lake Biwa. The flood of 1896 was particularly damaging, and this stone marker shows the height the water rose to at that time. In addition, the side of the stone marker shows the water levels of floods prior to 1896 as well. The marker serves as both a monument to the many natural disasters that have occurred at Lake Biwa, as well as a valuable historical monument which preserves the history of the lake.