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Ginkgo Trees at Kekaiji Temple

Designated Natural Monument of Otsu City

[A.D. 16th century]

About 400 years old

These ginkgo trees are said to have been planted in the 16th century when Kekaiji Temple was originally established, and are thought to be about 400 years old. The two trees were later relocated from the temple grounds to Otsu Station area after a post-World War II rezoning effort, where they are now preserved in a “green space” created for them nearby the station. These trees are a rarity within the urban area of Otsu, and are a pleasure to look at both from the ground level, or from the lake.