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Gichuji Temple was named after and possesses the gave of warlord Minamoto no Yoshinaka [A.D. I I 54–I I 84], but there is also a legend that the temple was built by the Sasaki Rokkaku clan in the late Muromachi period [A.D. I 336–I 573]. Upon entering the gate of the temple grounds, a memorial pagoda tower for Yoshinaka stands at the far left alongside the grave of Matsuo Basho, a famous haiku poet of the Edo period. There are also many haiku monuments on the grounds, including ones with Basho's poetry written during his final moments.