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Ginkgo Tree at Wada Shrine

Designated Natural Monument of Otsu City

About 600 years old

This huge ginkgo tree is estimated to be about 600 years old, and has a trunk circumference of about 4.4 meters and a height of about 24 meters. It is considered a sacred tree of Wada Shrine, and was also once a landmark to follow for those navigating across Lake Biwa. It is also said that Mistunari Ishida [1560-1600], a warlord who was captured during the Battle of Sekigahara, was once tied to this tree while being escorted to Kyoto.