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Front Foundation Stone of Kokubu-Horanomae
[Nickname: Belly Button Stone]

This stone is said to have been the foundation stone for the central pillar of a temple's pagoda because of its large size. Due to the stone being so large though, it is unclear whether it was actually used, and there are no confirmed remains of any temples in the vicinity. However, during the Nara Period [A.D. 710-794], Kokushoji Temple, Kokubunji Temple, and Horanomiya Palace are said to have been located in this area, and this foundation stone may be related to these places.