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Ishiyamadera Temple – Wollastonite

National Natural Monument

When limestone undergoes thermal metamorphosis through contact with granite, it often becomes marble, but some of it also becomes wollastonite. Large clusters of wollastonite, like the ones found at Ishiyamadera Temple, are quite rare, and the temple's name (meaning “Stone Mountain Temple” in Japanese) originates from the open air and exposed nature of the wollastonite located within the temple grounds.