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Sakunado Shrine - Otabisho Sanctuary

Designated Tangible Cultural Property of Otsu City

Sakunado Shrine is an older shrine that is said to have been founded during the Nara period [710-794]. The shrine's main sanctuary was reconstructed during the Edo period [1603-1868], but this Otabisho Sanctuary (which is where the sacred palanquin is temporarily lodged during a festival) retains many of its components from medieval times. The sanctuary's kaerumata (frog-leg) carvings above the front entrance's main beam are a distinctive feature of the time period the building was constructed during, which can be estimated to have been during the mid Kamakura period [1185-1333].