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Boulder Carvings of the Amida Triad and Fudo Myo-o Buddhist Figures

Designated Monument of Otsu City

It is said that Myo-ji Temple was founded in this area by the monk Gien in 715. The center of this display features a seated sculpture of the Amida Nyorai Buddha, with standing bodhisattvas on either side, and the Fudo Myo-o Buddhist deity standing on the lower left. The year 1369 can be seen inscribed on the right, but this does not seem to be the year in which the statues were created. 1369 is instead believed to be the year in which the boulder carvings, which were carved during that time period, may have been created. This Buddha carving is also known as "Mimadare Fudo" (meaning "ear discharge Fudo Buddhist deity" in Japanese), and is said to be effective against ear diseases.