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#### Fudoji Temple – Main Hall

#### Important Cultural Property

The early Muromachi period [A.D.1336–1573]

The Main Hall of Fudoji Temple is a building with a hip roof made using many layers of bark from Japanese cypress trees. Although some minor expansions were later made to the hall which altered its exterior appearance, it is thought to have been originally constructed during the early Muromachi period [1336–1573]. The rear section of the hall leans against a huge stone, and the building itself hangs off the edge of a cliff as it is constructed using the kakezukuri (suspended structure) style of architecture, which opens up a space between the pillars in the central back area to house a dais and a miniature shrine with double doors. The hall is a valuable example of a Buddhist temple structure constructed using an older Japanese style of architectural techniques.