

36_1_English 一里塚跡

Site of Ichirizuka – Distance Marker

Ichirizuka (or “distance marker” in English) were mounds created by the Edo shogunate government [1603–1867] every four kilometers along major roads with pine trees planted on top. These mounds were utilized by travelers as a way of tracking their progress on their journeys, and as spots for rest during bright days under the shade the pine trees provided. However, the mounds eventually were removed as the development of railroads eliminated the need for these distance markers.