



Boulders of Okuetsu

Sakatani district, Ono City; Ōyadani area, Katsuyama City

The massive rocks amidst the fields of Ono and Katsuyama must be a strange one to those unaware that their presence is a relic of an era of dynamic geological change...



Rock formations in the Sakadani district of Ono City

Among and between the fields of Ono City's Sakadani district, visitors will soon discover a number of large rock formations. Known as bukuishi by locals, these rocks are the result of geological processes tens of thousand of years ago, and are thought to be the result of rocks and soils shaken loose from nearby Kyō-ga-dake. This mountain, situated between the cities of Ono and Katsuyama, is marked by cliffs from which it is claimed these rocks fell.



Rock formations in the Sakadani district^{①②}



Kyō-ga-dake Cliffs^③

As far as Ōyadani, in Katsuyama City's Heisenji-cho, a massive example of these rock formations towers over the grounds of Hakusan Shrine. Many other spots in the area offer examples of this geological phenomenon, among them several whose names are well-known.



Ōyadani, Katsuyama City's Hakusan Shrine^④