



# Shakudani Rocks

Kida 4-chome/Ote 3-chome and Elsewhere,

Mined long ago from Mt. Asuwa, *shakudani* stones were used in the construction of Fukui Castle's stone walls, roof tiles of homes, and myriad other applications. Fukui's history is in many ways that of these very rocks.



Remains of Asahiyama Fudōji quarry



Fukui Castle's stone walls

Shakudani-rocks are representative of the prefecture's geological resources, and their name derives from the location of their first discovery. Mined on Mt. Asuwa since the Kofun Period, they have seen used in stone Buddhist statues, lanterns, roof tiles, and more, a timeless treasure that has fueled traditional architecture here for centuries. When wet they take on a unique blue color, further enhancing their beauty.

Fukui City's Asahiyama Fudō-ji is home to the remains of an open quarry, where visitors can view its sheer rock face.



Stone Buddhist statues at the remains of Ichijōdani Nishiyama Kōshō-ji Temple<sup>①</sup>

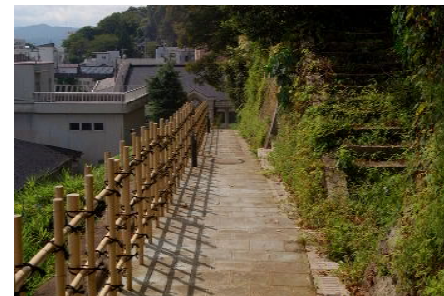
The stone Buddhist statues among the remnants of Ichijōdani Nishiyama Kōshō-ji Temple, nearly 40 in number, are carved from shakudani-rocks. Other sites include the stone paths of Mt. Asuwa's Atagosaka, Hyakusaka, and Yokosaka.



Atagosaka



Hyakusaka<sup>②</sup>



Yokosaka<sup>③</sup>

