



# Ichijōdani Asakura Clan Ruins

Kido no Uchi-cho, Fukui City

The bustling castle town that stood beneath the fortress of the powerful Asakura clan during the Warring States period was populated by as many as 10,000 residents. Now, visitors sink into the past as they cross its threshold...



Chinese-style gate at the Ichijōdani Asakura Clan Ruins (National Historical Landmark)



Ichijōdani, the castle town beneath the fortress of the 5th lord of the Asakura Clan, flourished in the Warring States period. The city was reduced to ashes after Asakura Yoshikage, the fifth clan head, was defeated by Oda Nobunaga's forces. Each season boasted different forms of natural beauty, and even now visitors can enjoy its seasonal splendor.

The site's ruins today are comprised of the remains of the old castle and castle town, and are designated as a national historical landmark.



Restored neighborhood

Excavations of the original town site have yielded tools, metalwork, and other artifacts that have allowed researchers to reconstruct a 200m stretch of Ichijōdani's city streets. The remains of the Suwayakata Gardens found within the massive site have been designated as a National Scenic Spot, and serve as an excellent example of the reach of Kyoto's cultural influence during that era.



Remains of the Suwayakata Gardens (Nationally Designated Scenic Spot)

