



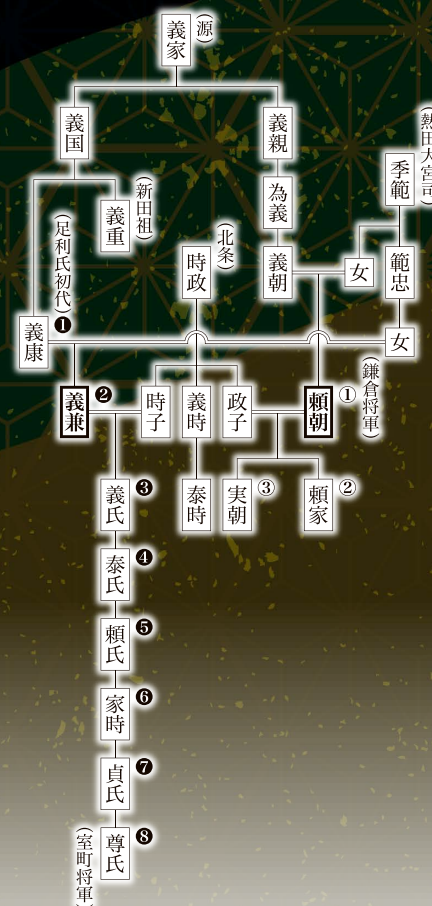
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Birthplace of the Ashikaga Clan
Guidebook

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Kabasaki Hachimangu Shrine / Remains of Kabasakidera Temple Historic Site (Ashikaga Yoshikane)



Regarded as the clan mausoleum of the Ashikaga clan, Remains of Kabasakidera Temple was built by Ashikaga Yoshikane, second-generation lord of the Ashikaga clan, to pray for victory in the Battle of Oshu. This Historic Site includes Kabasaki Hachimangu Shrine, which originated when the third-generation lord of the Ashikaga clan, Ashikaga Yoshiuji, appealed to the god Hachiman and enshrined the soul of Yoshikane there as well.

- ▶ Visiting hours: Visit anytime you please.
- ▶ Admission: Free of charge ▶ Washrooms: None
- ▶ Guided tours: May be available on consultation.



Access: 15-minute drive from JR Ashikaga Station/20-minute drive from Tobu Ashikagashi Station

1723 Kabasaki-cho, Ashikaga, Tochigi
TEL: 0284-41-3504 (residence of the temple representative)



Kotokuji Temple (Ashikaga Yoshikane / Ashikaga Yoshiuji)



Kotokuji Temple was founded by Ashikaga Yoshiuji, third-generation lord of the Ashikaga clan. The site includes 19 gorinto (five-part gravestones) of successive generations of Ashikaga clan members and their chief vassals. These gorinto were originally erected at Kabasakidera Temple but were moved to Kotokuji Temple at the beginning of the Meiji period (mid-to-late 19th century), when the Meiji government ordered the separation of Buddhism and Shintoism. Kotokuji Temple was chosen for this purpose due to its affiliation with Kabasakidera Temple.

- ▶ Visiting hours: Visit anytime you please.
- ▶ Admission: Free of charge
- ▶ Washrooms: None ▶ Guided tours: None

Parking Available
No bus arrivals

Access: 10-minute drive from JR Ashikaga Station/15-minute drive from Tobu Ashikagashi Station

892 Sugeta-cho, Ashikaga, Tochigi TEL: 0284-41-1978
<https://koutokuji.ashikaga.org/>

Kichijoji Temple (Ashikaga Yoriuji)



Kichijoji Temple was founded by Ashikaga Yoriuji, fifth-generation lord of the Ashikaga clan and great-grandfather of the eighth-generation lord, Ashikaga Takauji. Behind the Main Hall is a pagoda dedicated to Yoriuji. The temple is also well known by the name Ajisaidera Temple ("the hydrangea temple"); a hydrangea festival, the Ajsai Benten Festival, is held there every year on the fourth Saturday of June.

- ▶ Visiting hours: Visit anytime you please.
- ▶ Admission: Free of charge
- ▶ Washrooms: None ▶ Guided tours: None

Parking Available

Access: 10-minute drive from JR Ashikaga Station/15-minute drive from Tobu Ashikagashi Station

245 Egawa-cho, Ashikaga, Tochigi TEL: 0284-42-6006
<https://ashikaga-kichijoji.com/>

Horakuji Temple (Ashikaga Yoshiuji)



Horakuji Temple was founded in 1249 by Ashikaga Yoshiuji, third-generation lord of the Ashikaga clan, with an image of Amida Nyorai (the Amitabha Buddha) as its main object of veneration. Tradition has it that Yoshiuji raised the image from the bottom of a pond after its presence there was revealed to him in a dream.

- ▶ Visiting hours: Visit anytime you please.
- ▶ Admission: Free of charge
- ▶ Washrooms: None ▶ Guided tours: None

Parking Available
No bus arrivals

Access: 10-minute drive from JR Ashikaga Station/10-minute drive from Tobu Ashikagashi Station

3-2067 Honjo, Ashikaga, Tochigi
TEL: 0284-21-5884 / FAX: 0284-20-1209

Hogenji Temple (Ashikaga Yoshizumi / Hojo Tokiko)



Hogenji Temple was founded as the family (ancestral) temple of Hojo Tokiko, mother of Ashikaga Yoshizumi, who was the eldest son of the second-generation lord of the Ashikaga clan, Ashikaga Yoshikane. Within the temple precinct is the pagoda where Tokiko is entombed. Also interred at Hogenji Temple is Mitsuo Aida (1924-1991), a calligrapher and poet. Large numbers of people arrive every year from across Japan to visit Aida's grave.

- ▶ Visiting hours: Visit anytime you please.
- ▶ Admission: Free of charge
- ▶ Washrooms: None ▶ Guided tours: None Buses use the Orihime Tourist parking lot.
Washrooms are available at the Orihime Tourist parking lot.

Parking Available

Access: 10-minute drive from JR Ashikaga Station/10-minute drive from Tobu Ashikagashi Station

2545 Tomoe-cho, Ashikaga, Tochigi TEL: 0284-21-2790
<http://hogenji.jp/>

Bannaji Temple (Ashikaga Yoshikane / Ashikaga Yoshiuji / Ashikaga Sadauji)



Bannaji Temple began in 1196 as a place of enshrinement for Dainichi Nyorai (Vairocana), when Ashikaga Yoshikane, the second-generation lord of the Ashikaga clan, erected a jibutsudo (place where a family enshrines its private images of Buddha and memorial tablets) in a hall. The third-generation lord, Ashikaga Yoshiuji, improved the temple buildings and enshrined the clan deity there, thereby boasting about the clan's prosperity. In 2013 the Main Hall was designated a National Treasure.

- ▶ Visiting hours: Visit anytime you please. ▶ Admission: Free of charge ▶ Suggested donation: ¥400
- ▶ Seven Gods of Fortune stamp: ¥100 ▶ Washrooms: Available
- ▶ Admission fee for Issai Kyodo Hall: ¥300 (only on Sundays and holidays when Issai Kyodo Hall is open)
- ▶ Guided tours: Available Fee: ¥6,000 for groups of 1–15 people, ¥400 per person for groups of 16 and more; includes color brochure
- ▶ Tour includes: Explanation of the history of Bannaji Temple; tour of the Main Hall, a National Treasure, and Issai Kyodo Hall, which is normally closed to the public. Tour members can view the rinzo, a rotating shelf for the sutras.

Parking Available

Please use the parking lot at Taiheikikan.

Access: 10-minute walk from JR Ashikaga Station/15-minute walk from Tobu Ashikagashi Station

2220 Ietomi-cho, Ashikaga, Tochigi TEL: 0284-41-2627 / FAX: 0284-41-1136 <http://www.ashikaga-bannaji.org/>

Zentokuji Temple (Ashikaga Takauji)



Zentokuji Temple was founded in 1368 by Ashikaga Takauji, the first Shogun of the Muromachi shogunate (1336–1573), with the Butsuman Zenshi as its founding priest. In addition to the striking illustrated ceiling panels in the Main Hall, the temple houses a wooden image of a seated Takauji clad in traditional formal court dress.

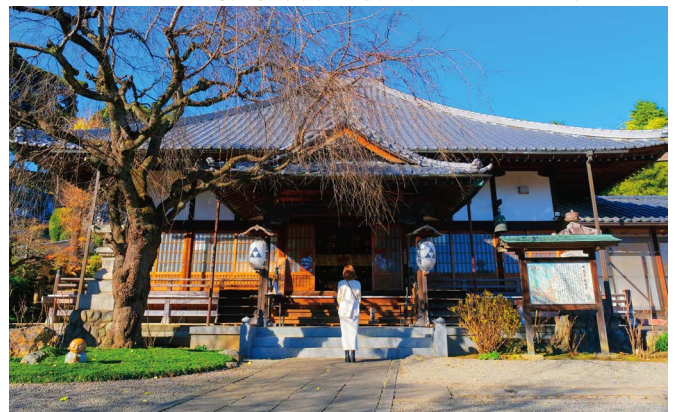
- ▶ Visiting hours: Visit anytime you please.
 - ▶ Admission: Free of charge
 - ▶ Washrooms: None* ▶ Guided tours: None
- *Washrooms are available at Taiheikikan. Please use the parking lot at Taiheikikan.

Parking Available

Access: 10-minute drive from JR Ashikaga Station/20-minute drive from Tobu Ashikagashi Station

1-2 Dai-cho, Ashikaga, Tochigi
TEL: 0284-41-2890

Fukugonji Temple (Ashikaga Yoshikane)



Tradition has it that Ashikaga Matataro Tadatsuna founded Fukugonji Temple in 1182, with Rishin Shonin as its founding priest, to pray for the repose of the soul of his father, Ashikaga Toshitsuna, and for his mother's enlightenment. The personal Buddha statue of Ashikaga Yoshikane, the second-generation lord of the Ashikaga clan, and his wife Tokiko is housed here. This image, which was normally withheld from public view, is of Koyasu Kannon (Avalokitesvara, the bodhisattva guardian of children and childbirth). A large tableau of the enlightenment of Buddha is also in this temple.

- ▶ Visiting hours: Visit anytime you please.
- ▶ Admission: Free of charge
- ▶ Washrooms: None ▶ Guided tours: None

Parking Available

Buses use the parking lot for Ashikaga Park.

Access: 10-minute drive from JR Ashikaga Station/10-minute drive from Tobu Ashikagashi Station

1-3270 Midori-cho, Ashikaga, Tochigi TEL: 0284-21-6990 / FAX: 0284-21-6991
<https://www.fukugonji.or.jp/>

Shimotsukenokuni-Issha Hachimangu Shrine (Minamoto no Yoshiie (Hachimantaro))



It is said that in 1056 Minamoto no Yoshiie prayed here to the god Hachiman for victory on the eve of the civil war in Ōu. Famous in its own right as a repository of numerous cultural artifacts, Shimotsukenokuni-Issha Hachimangu Shrine is also adjacent to Kadota-Inari Shrine, one of Japan's "three great Enkiri Inari Shrines." Great numbers of pilgrims visit this shrine every year from every part of Japan, many to pray for freedom from disease and addiction.

- ▶ Visiting hours: Goshuin (proof of shrine visit) available
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (March through October)
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (November through February)
- ▶ Admission: Ceremony fee: ¥300 ▶ Washrooms: Available
- ▶ Guided tours: May be available on consultation.

Parking Available



Access: 10-minute drive from JR Ashikaga Station/10-minute drive from Tobu Ashikagashi Station

387-4 Yawata-cho, Ashikaga, Tochigi TEL: 0284-71-0292 / FAX: 0284-73-6292 <https://hachimangu.jp/>

Oiwasan Bishamonten (Ashikaga Yasuuji)



To the southwest of Bishamondo lies Kano Gongen, a shrine where Ashikaga Yasuuji, grandson of Ashikaga Yoshikane and founder of Bannaji Temple, is said to have prayed.

Parking Available

- ▶ Visiting hours: Closed Mondays
Tuesday to Thursday: 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (entry closes 4:30 PM)
Friday to Sunday and holidays: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM (entry closes 4:30 PM)
1st of every month (temple festival day): 5:00 AM to 5:00 PM (entry closes 4:30 PM)
- ▶ Admission: Free of charge ▶ Washrooms: Available
- ▶ Guided tours: None

Access: 15-minute drive from JR Ashikaga Station/20-minute drive from Tobu Ashikagashi Station

264 Oiwa-cho, Ashikaga, Tochigi TEL: 0284-21-8885 (Saishoji Honbo)
TEL: 0284-21-0211 (Bishamonten Hondo) <https://www.oiwasan.or.jp/>

Yogenji Temple (Minamoto no Yoshikuni)



Yogenji Temple was founded by Minamoto no Yoshikuni. In the Founder's Hall on the hill behind the Main Hall are a wooden image of Taiki Enryo Daioشو, the founding priest, as well as a muhoto, a pagoda hewn from a single stone, where Taiki Enryo Daioشو is entombed. Also within the temple precincts are gorinto (five-part headstones) of members of the Itakura family and household.

Parking Available

- ▶ Visiting hours: Visit anytime you please.
- ▶ Washrooms: None ▶ Guided tours: None

No bus arrivals

Access: 25-minute drive from JR Ashikaga Station/25-minute drive from Tobu Ashikagashi Station

155 Itakura-cho, Ashikaga, Tochigi
TEL: 0284-62-1068

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