

16 The Road of Enshu Province Sayo-no-Nakayama Pass and Nissaka Shuku

JR Kanaya Station, Shimada City – Motomura-bashi Intersection, Kakegawa City

Introduction

Nissaka Shuku is the 25th shukuba lying at the west foot of “Sayo-no-Nakayama Pass” which is one of the 3 difficult parts of the Old Tokaido Road. Built along the semicircle road, its shape is peculiar in all shukuba of the Old Tokaido Road. Name plates of the 1840s hanging from the houses are creating atmosphere of back to the Edo Period.

Nakayama Shindo Junction ①中山新道分岐点

Nakayama Shindo is the first toll road in Japan completed in 1880 by Sugimoto Gonzo of Kanaya Shuku. The extension was about 6.7 km and it expended about 20000 to 30000 laborers on the construction. At most, 300 carts and 1000 people used, but fulfilled its duty after 9 years because users have decreased after national railway was opened to traffic.

Stone Paved Parts of Kanaya Slope (Designated by Shimada City) and Kikugawa Slope (Designated by Shizuoka Prefecture) ②金谷坂(市指定)・菊川坂(県指定)の石畳

Only 30 meters of Kanaya Slope was stone paved and the rest was asphalt-paved. But the stone paved part was extended to 430 meters in 1991. About 600 residents of Shimada City carried the stones for the restoration.

From the excavation investigation in 2000, about 161 meters from the west entrance of Kikugawa Slope was verified to be a stone pavement of the 18th to 19th century. The restoration was also carried out by the residents of Shimada City and the stone paved part was extended to 611 meters.



Suwahara Castle Ruins (Designated as historic site of Japan) ③諏訪原城跡 国指定史跡

This mountain top castle was commanded to build by Takeda Katsuyori in 1573. The remains tell us the structure of the castle almost perfectly. It is typical “Kosyu (Yamanashi Prefecture) style” fortification utilizing geographical advantages. The shrine built inside the castle enshrines ‘Suwa Myojin’, the guardian diety of the Takeda clan. By this fort, the Takeda army gained foothold to rule Enshu Province (western Shizuoka Prefecture).

Fujibun ④藤文

Fujibun is the residence of Ito Bunshichi who served as ‘toiayaku’ (the role to prepare laborers and horses for relay) from 1860 to 1867. It was built in the mid-19th century and another part called Kaedeya was added later. In 1871, Ito Bunshichi set up a post agency at Fujibun which is said to be one of the first post offices in Japan.



Kosatsuba Ruins ⑥高札場跡

‘Kosatsuba’ was a place to put up laws and ordinances by the shogunate. This one stands at the site of Sodenji Temple. The laws and ordinances hung now were reproduced base on the record between 1830 and 1843.



Koto-no-mama Hachimangu Shrine ⑦事任八幡宮

Record of the shrine says they were relocated by Sakanoue-no-Tamuramaro in 807 under an imperial command. In “Makura-no-Soshi” (“The Pillow Book”), it is written to be “The shrine making all wishes granted”. Many travelers dropped in and prayed for safe trip and fulfillment of wishes. Camphor, sacred tree of the shrine and cedar in the shrine sanctuary are designated as natural monuments of Kakegawa City.

Old Tokaido Road Walking Route

- Sidewalk
- Sidewalk narrower than 70 cm
- Stone pavement

Legend

- Information
- Parking lot
- Picturing point
- Bench
- Toilet
- “Michi-no-Eki” (Road station)
- Accessible toilet
- Recommended route
- Convenience store
- Cherry tree
- Explanatory board
- Bus stop
- Automated external defibrillator, AED
- East boundary of shukuba
- West boundary of shukuba