

# Henro Tour Map

From Joruriji to  
Ishiteji

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## ○ IKUSAGAMORI

Once upon a time, according to Japanese legend, the persistence of dry weather caused a severe scarcity of water. Local farmers talked the problems over.

A horse's head was cut off and sacrificed to the God by farmers in hope of rain. A few days later, people began to see a ghost of the headless horse at Ikusagamori.



## ○ YATSUZUKA

According to the legend, once upon a time, there was a very rich but stingy man living in a suburb of Matsuyama. His name was Saburo Emon. One day, a monk came along asking for alms. But Saburo got angry about it.

Then, Saburo sent the monk off. None the less, the monk continued asking for alms again and again. Saburo said "I have nothing to give someone who is a beggar like you!"



↑ Yatsuzuka

The first stone grave of Saburo's eight sons.



↑ Monjuin

This temple was built at the place where Saburo was born.



← Henro Dohyou

The oldest Dohyou, which is signpost of Shikokuhenro.

➔ Saburo went to Shikokuhenro again and again.

However before ever meeting KOUBOUDAISHI, he became seriously ill. When Saburo had no hope for living, suddenly KOUBOUDAISHI appeared in front of him and said "Now, you are forgiven because of Shikokuhenro".

Saburo asked KOUBOUDAISHI for his hope to come true.

His hope was to be born again into a noble family. KOUBOUDAISHI carved "Saburo Emon" in a stone and made Saburo grasp it.

The next year, a baby was born in a noble family, grasping a stone strongly. Because on the stone was written "Saburo Emon" people said he was born again. When this child turned 15 years-old, he built a big temple to recompense KOUBOUDAISHI and offered this famous stone at this temple. This temple is Ishiteji.

## ○ HIGASHINO OCHAYA

This large garden had more than 4 tea ceremony halls and a pond which was made to resemble Lake Biwa in Shiga Prefecture. But now, there are only the Takano Ochaya (Takano Tea Ceremony Hall) ruins and the KANNONDOLU (Hall of the Goddess of mercy)

This garden was built in the image of TOKAIDOGOTYULSANTSUGI (the road to Kyoto) and there was lodging. It is very sad that it was destroyed, but we can still see the remains of it, today. Because there were many tea ceremony halls, people made Higashino yaki which is ceramic pottery. One of the most popular ceramicist during the Edo era was Satomaru.



This is the temple where Saburo first visited for Shikokuhenro.

➔ Finally, Saburo was so annoyed that he broke the monk's mendicancy bowl into eight pieces.

The angry monk left Saburo's house saying "Disaster will strike you."

The monk's name was KOUBOUDAISHI.

After this incident, all eight of Saburo's children suddenly died one after the other.

Then, Saburo realized

the monk was KOUBOUDAISHI, and he changes his stingy ways.

He then decided to go to Shikokuhenro to meet KOUBOUDAISHI, and repent for his cruelty.



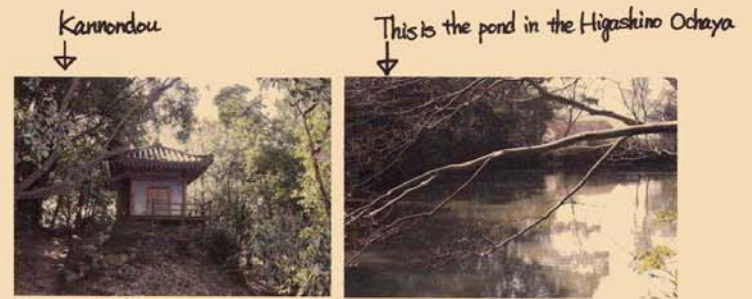
Joruriji →  
Bussokuseki  
(Sole of Buddha)



↑  
Bussyouseki  
(Palm of Buddha)



↑  
Bussyukehan  
(Fingerprint of Buddha)



Kannondou

This is the pond in the Higashino Ochaya

