

Roof colored tiles of the main temple. Made by Kamihichi Nishiyama (Akashi-city) and is regarded as a treasure of this temple.



Yurugi Rock. It is said that the rock can be moved with only a finger.



Taiko Koshikake Rock. It is said that Hidevoshi Toyotomi sat on this rock when he arranged his main army at Mt. Ryuozan in order to attack Takamatsu Castle in 1582.





Stone wall. Rebuilt by Yoshimasa Inoue (Tamano-city).

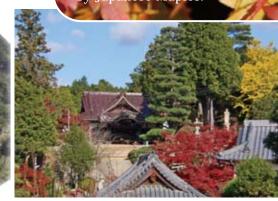


Ryuo Lake. home of the rain god. HachidaiRyuo Featival takes place in the spring.

**Ryuo Lake** 

## Saijyo-Honzan Otaki Ryusenji Temple

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Ryusenji Temple was founded by Hoo-on Taishi who was undertaking the Buddhist mountain training here in the Tenpyo-shoho, Nara era (749 ~ 757). From long ago, it was the sacred place for ordinary people who believed HatidaiRyuo as a god for "rain and water" and Inari-Sama as a god for "agriculture and rich harvest".

The present Ryusenji Temple was founded by Nichigo Shonin at the end of the Edo period. In Showa 26 (1951), the Temple became the main temple of the highest position of "Nichirenshu-Saijyokyo sect" and was renamed as "Saijo-Honzan Otaki Ryusenji".

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Shinnen Kaiun Sai. 1st to 15th January The first "Uma no hi" in February Hatsuuma Sai. HachidaiRyuo Sai. 3rd Sunday in April **Otaki Matsuri**(Waterfall Festival) 4th Sunday in July 3rd Sunday in October Migawari-Jizo Sai. Ohitaki Sai. 2nd Saturday and Sunday in December

A vast site of Ryusenji Temple surrounding the lake is designated as Okayama prefectural natural park.





Japanese Maple Hill in Spring and Autumn.