

In addition to the graves of first lord Mori Hidenari (1595–1651) and his wife, which were moved here from Hagi Castle, Daishoin's cemetery contains six pairs of large graves fronted by stone *torii* gates. These graves were made for the even-numbered generations (second, fourth, sixth, etc.) of the Mori family and their wives. The cemetery also contains the graves of the lords' other family members and some of the family's attendants.

Surrounding these graves are hundreds of stone lanterns, each paid for by a Mori retainer to show their continued devotion to their lord. The holes of the lanterns are covered with paper and lit on August 13th as part of Obon, a Buddhist festival honoring ancestral spirits. Some of the holes are full circles, representing the sun, while others are in the shape of crescent moons.