

Kitsuki was built on top of two hills and the valley between them. The samurai built their homes on the top of the hills and the merchants lived in the valley. These different parts of the town are connected by streets that run perpendicular to the hills, and a major road runs parallel up the valley.

Two of the most prominent streets that runs up the hills are Suya no Saka and Shioya no Saka, which connected the samurai homes on the hills to a merchant community in the valley. Their names derive from the shops (*suya* and *shioya*, respectively) that once existed at the bottom of the hill. In addition to the impressive stonework of the paths themselves, the view overlooking the town is worth a moment's appreciation.