

Mt. Kinkei

Mt. Kinkei drew the attention of the poet Matsuo Bashō (1644–1694) during his travels in northern Japan. In his record of that journey entitled *Oku no hosomichi* (*The Narrow Road to the Deep North*), he pondered the lost glory of Hiraizumi, and noted how Mt. Kinkei was the only remnant of that bygone era.

Sutra containers were excavated from the hill in the 1930s and are now in the collection of the Tokyo National Museum. In 2005, the Japanese government designated Mt. Kinkei a National Historic Site and it was included in the registration of Hiraizumi as a World Heritage site in 2011.