

## Mōtsūji Temple Eastern Gate Site

Excavations and repairs on the Great Spring Pond (*Ōizumi ga Ike*) revealed the site of the original Eastern Gate of Mōtsūji. During the twelfth century, the gate stood along the eastern side of an earthen-walled enclosure, and led out to a wide, open area where a roofed structure for the ox-carts often used by aristocrats was located. The Eastern Gate was said to have been the commonly used entrance.