

Chinjudo

The Chinjudo is a small shrine on Yuhigashima, one of the two larger islands on Golden Pond. A Shinto shrine for guardian deities (kami) is generally called a *chinjusha*, but when it is found within the grounds of a Buddhist temple, it is called a *chinjudo*. The Chinjudo on Yuhigashima is dedicated to Inari, the kami of rice and harvests, and patron of farmers. The shrine also serves another function: to appease the “dragon god” Ryujin, who resides beneath the waters of the pond and can cause flooding when angered.