

Four Cherry Trees of Kinpusenji Temple

Yoshinoyama has been a beloved cherry blossom viewing destination since the Heian period (794–1185), and many white-flowering trees are found within Kinpusenji Temple's grounds.

This fenced area in front of the entrance to the Zaodo (main hall) contains four particularly important trees. In the skirmishes here between the forces loyal to the emperor and the army of the shogunate in 1333, it is believed that Prince Morinaga (1308–1335) held his final banquet at this spot, just before his palace fell to an attack by the enemy army of 60,000. These trees are a fitting tribute to the prince and his sad story.