

**Bizen Gate**

The Bizen Bailey to the east of the keep was originally the daimyo lord's residence, and this gate was the only way inside. A cleanly cut, rectangular stone in the wall next to the gate is of particular note—this stone is actually a coffin that was dug up and repurposed by the castle's builders. Stones were taken from all over to build the massive walls of the castle, and similar stones can be seen scattered throughout the castle grounds.