

Karauka Sacred Spring

The wide plaza of the Una Ward is believed to have been where important political gatherings and religious rituals were conducted. It was bounded by three important ceremonial wooden halls—Seiden, Nanden, Hokuden—as well as two *utaki* spiritual sites and a sacred spring called Karauka. This spring is a small natural well which emerges from the rocks and always holds water. According to legend, ladies of the court washed their hair here. It was also used for divination, based on the water level. Karauka continues to have spiritual significance and is still used for religious ceremonies.