

## **Site of the Kuchidome Guard House**

### **Checkpoint for Travelers**

This was the site of a guardhouse during the Warring States period (1467–1600) and the first decades of the Edo period (1603–1868). Different guardhouses had different roles: some checked for contraband wood; others, like this one, monitored human traffic by checking travel permits.

A guardhouse for monitoring wood shipments was established in Kudaridani, about 3.5 kilometers south of here, in the mid-seventeenth century. When that was washed away in a flood in 1749, the checkpoint was rebuilt a few kilometers further south in Ichikokutochi, where it operated until 1869.