

Pine Grove

The pine grove across the path from the Gojusan-tsugi Koshikakejaya Rest House on the north side of the garden represents one of three pine groves that have been part of the garden since its beginnings. There are approximately 240 red pine (*Pinus densiflora*) and black pine (*Pinus thunbergii*) trees in the entire garden, 100 of which are found at this grove.

After World War II, most of the pine trees in the garden were wiped out by an infestation of bark beetles. The grove was replanted in the 1950s and the trees here have been growing strong and healthy ever since. An unobstructed view of this area is the adjacent Gojusan-tsugi Koshikakejaya Rest House. Since pines are evergreens and have a long lifespan, they have long been treasured as symbols of longevity.