

Fugetsutei Garden

Fugetsutei Garden is a towering forest of maple trees extending behind the halls of Onsenji Temple. Roughly 100 maple trees and 100 rhododendrons flank the path through the secluded hillside, in sharp contrast with the lively hot spring district nearby. The scenery is complemented by notable spiritual sites such as a stone monument inscribed with the *Nirvana Sutra* and *Lotus Sutra* and a water fountain for ritual purification.

The maple leaves of Fugetsutei blaze red, orange, and yellow in autumn, and are illuminated during an annual festival in November. The autumn festival is the only time of year when visitors can enter Iokaku, a former hot spring inn constructed in the refined *sukiya-zukuri* style, accessible via the uphill path through Fugetsutei Garden.