

## **Koka Ninja Village**

The Koka Ninja Village recreates the atmosphere of a traditional country ninja settlement. The attractions are suitable for all ages, and visitors can take part in hands-on activities based on ninja skills.

The village structures are authentic and historically significant. Some have been moved here from other parts of Koka. The Koka Ninjutsu Museum, housed in a reconstructed building with a thatched roof, displays a variety of ninja artifacts described in a well-known compilation of knowledge about *ninjutsu* (ninja arts) from both Koka and Iga (in adjacent Mie Prefecture) called the *Bansenshukai*. The book was created in 1676 by a member of the Fujibayashi ninja family and is considered to be an authoritative text.

The ancestral home of the Fujibayashi family was moved to the Ninja Village, where it is known as the Karakuri Yashiki (trick house). It has such features as a revolving door, hidden stairs, and an escape route beneath one of the open hearths.

In the Shuriken Dojo, visitors can learn to throw a *shuriken* (throwing star) at targets or tackle the extensive obstacle course, which includes wall climbing and crossing over water using ninja tools.