

NAGAOKATENMANGU

SHRINE

The Shrine is consecrated to the worship of Sugawara Michizane(845-903). He was a prominent minister and a scholar of Chinese literature in the Heian period. He was exiled to Dazaifu in Kyusyu by his rival the Fujiwara regent.

He dropped in at this shrine on his name of Tenjin ,as the god of study .

This Shaden(shrine building)was built in 1941 and rebuilt in 1998 .

It includes the Haiden(Hall for worship), Heiden(hall for offerings)and Honden (sanctuary where the deity is enshrined).



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Hachijyo-gaike pond and pathway

Near the shrine there is a large pond named Hachijyo-gaike ,shrrounded by many Kirisima azaleas,making this place beautiful. Many people visit in late April When they are in full bloom.



The first Torii and Sando

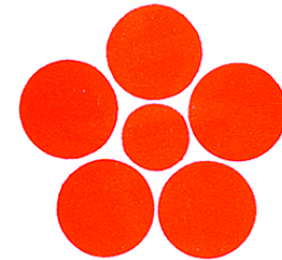
This pond was originally constructed in 1638 and the pathway across the pond was built in 1993 . It was modeled on that on



island in West Lake, Hangzhou (Koshu)in China.

Torii The gateway standing at the entrance to the shrine is called **Torii**. It indicates that the area inside the gateway is sacred space.

Sando (pathway) The pathway from the first torii to the central shrine building is called the **Sando**. It has an important role in allowing visitors to calm and compose their mind worship.



Symbol mark of this shrine

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