

# 8 Magose-toge Pass



This statue was originally put up for travelers to pray for a safe journey, but later became known as the place to pray if your child cries at night.



A big slab of stone serves as a bridge over this small stream. This is just one of many places to take a photo of the stone path.



At the pass stands a tall rock with a poem written by the famous poet, Karyoen Toitsu on his visit to Kumano in 1852. The poem reads, Blossoms of the night above a sound can be heard ahh, mountain water.



You can enjoy cherry blossoms and azaleas from spring to early summer, and other wild flowers in fall. This gazebo has a great view.

- **Distance** / Approx. 5.2km from Michi-no-eki Miyama Rest Station to Owase Station
- **Walking time** / 2hrs. and 45mins.
- **Level** / ★★★
- **The Course** / The city of Owase is one of the rainiest places in Japan but the large paving stones seemingly woven along this path protect it from water erosion. For those who have time and energy for an extra side course, you can make your way up to the peak, Tengura-san, about 30 min. from the pass, or Binshi-yama about 2 hrs. from the pass. They both command breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and the Sea of Kumano dotted with islands.