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1 Umabashi

There was a bridge called Umabashi (Horse Bridge) on this spot over Tuchida river which now borders Masuda and Hamada. Travellers and their horses rested at the river banks before heading towards the steep Kamate Pass. The bridge is drawn on a map in a 19C handbook.

4 66-bu Pilgrim's grave

During Edo period (1603–1868), it was common to go on a pilgrimage to the 66 listed temples, write a sutra and offer it to each temple. Local people dug graves of those pilgrims who died on the street.

8 Remains of a Palanquin bearer

Kamate Pass was known as perilous but also the view from the peak is magnificent. There are some traces of many inns, stone pavements, a palanquin bearers' office and a pine tree with a legend saying a noble samurai rested his palanquin by it.

17 Former inspection point

There was a doorkeeper at this inspection point who watched the travellers. People had to pass this narrow spot for there was no other road as today.

18 Rokusaito monument

Local people says it was built to comfort the spirit of a woman who was arrested on lese-majesty by cutting across a samurai lord's procession and consequently received capital punishment. Knowing that they could reduce her sentence though, local people didn't ask authority to spare her life in fear to be blamed by the lord. At the execution the woman declared the village would be under her curse and would face 3 conflagrations. Tsuda village is believed to have been under 2 conflagrations since then.

22 Stone pavement

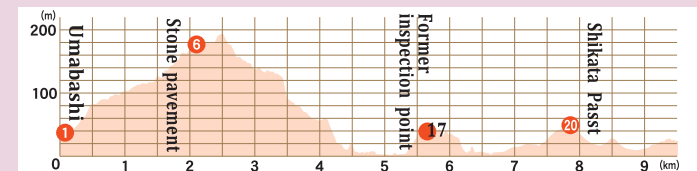
Until early 20C, there was a stone-paved road on marsh over Toda river heading straight to the south.

One of the "100 Historical Paths" selected by Agency for Cultural Affairs Government of Japan

Former "San'indo" road Masuda area

A Kamate–Yasuda

Kamate Pass area (A3-13) has stone-paved area and a walking event is annually held by a local community. The pass was known as perilous because of the long and steep slopes, but the view from the peak is magnificent. Kidoato (A17) to Rokusaito (A18) is an unpaved ancient road, but undergrowth can be dense. Shikada Pass (A20) also has old looks. There are remains of a port town around JR Tsuda station. They are off from the original San'indo route, but worth to break your journey.



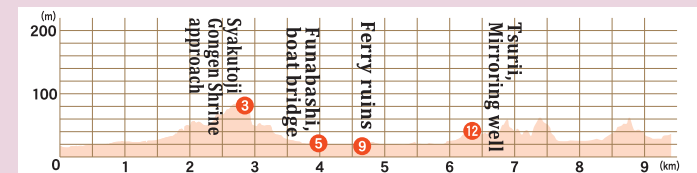
B Yasuda–Masuda–Nishi-Masuda

3 parts, Futaba (B3) to Taoyama (B4), Ogihara barrier site (B12) and Hidarigayama to Mataga, are particularly recommended for a walk because of the view with old pavements. This area also has the remains of the battle of Sekishu border at the Second Choshu expedition (1866), which the Mori clan of Yamaguchi fought against the Tokugawa Shogunate. Central Masuda area (B5–7) has many old temples and shrines, one of which was built about 650 years ago. There is a rustic onsen facility (B10) in Tada area. Southbound way from it goes into mountain path with no stores and toilets.



C Nishi-Masuda

Former post town Yokota (C6) still has some traces of its historic row of houses. Funabashi (C5) literally means a "boat-bridge". Twice in history they had boats lining up so that people can walk across the stream for a special occasion. Kanda area (C12) has some watercourses.



【 map legend 】

- Original route – open to public
- Original route - NOT open to public
- highlight
- shrine
- restaurant
- public hall
- toilets
- temple
- Supermarket
- bus stop
- parking
- rail station
- convenience store
- caution
- detour

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