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Entrance Fee

Phone Number

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Directions

MAP A2

Kuzugaya Goryou-jinja Shrine

Every year on January 13th, Kuzugaya Goryou-jinja Shrine holds the bisha matsuri, which designated as a important intangible folk cultural property of Shinjuku. This festival involves the bending of Japanese bows and praying for an abundant harvest. Also present at the shrine are six "strength rocks", which were used until the start of the Showa period (1926-1989) by the town's youth to compete in contests of strength. The weight of each of these stones is inscribed on their surfaces.

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2-17-17 Nishi-ochiai, Shinjuku-ku

03-3951-8512

12 minutes on foot from Ochiai-minami-nagasaki station (Metro),

12 minutes on foot from Araiyakushi-mae station (Seibu line)

MAP A2

Jishou-in Temple

The famed "Neko-dera" (the Cat Temple). The samurai Ota Dokan, who got lost in Egota-numagukuro Battle, saw a black cat beckoning to him. The cat finally led him to safety and saving his life. It is said that this is the origin of the maneki-neko (beckoning cat). Every year on setsubun (February 3th), Jishou-in holds a "Jizo Cat Festival". During this festival the Jizo cat. said to be dedicated to the temple by Dokan and normally not available to the public, can be seen.

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1-11-23 Nishi-ochiai, Shinjuku-ku

03-3951-4927

3 minutes on foot from Ochiai-minami-nagasaki station (Metro)

MAP A3

Nakai Goryou-jinja Shrine

Every year on January 13th, Nakai Goryou-jinja Shrine holds the bisha matsuri to pray for fertility and safe childbirth. This is the only existing wooden main shrine built in the Edo era and it is designated as a tangible cultural property of Shinjuku as well as the front shrine and the hall of offerings. The guardian dogs in front of the shrine are the oldest in the city and designated as a cultural property as well.

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2-29-16 Nakai, Shinjuku-ku

03-3950-44138

10 minutes on foot from Nakai station (Seibu, Metro lines)

MAP A3

Nakai Shusse-Fudouson

Nakai Shusse-Fudouson houses the Fudouson statue(Acala) carved by the Edo period wandering monk Enku (1632-1695). This Fudouson statue is 128cm tall and consists of two other figures, and was carved exquisitely to bring out the natural feeling of the wood. It is designated as a tangible cultural property of Shinjuku and is displayed on the afternoon of the 28th of every month. It is also the only statue by Enku to have been discovered within Tokyo.

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4-18-16 Naka-ochiai, Shinjuku-ku

7 minutes on foot from Ochiai-minami-nagasaki station ( Metro),

12 minutes on foot from Nakai station (Seibu, Metro lines)

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