

Torii Pass (Yabuhara Station ~ Narai Juku)

Torii Pass is the highest point on the Kiso Road and has played an important role as a defense point long before the Edo Period (1603-1867).

In the Edo period, the number of travelers on the Nakasendo way increased, and many of them stopped at Narai Juku to rest for the passage over Torii Pass, making Narai Juku the most prosperous post town on the Kiso Road.

It was so crowded that it was called "Narai Senken(= Narai has thousand houses)" and prospered as a place for travelers to relax and as a center of commerce.

Torii Pass still retains its value today not only as a place of history, but also as a place where people's lives and cultures intersect.



















