

Okochi Mountain Villa

Okochi Mountain Villa is the villa and garden of samurai film star Denjiro Okochi (1898–1962). The grounds of the villa, located on the slopes of Mt. Ogura, are a traditional Japanese strolling garden that includes a garden, tea houses and shrines.

The garden is vast and has a sense of elegance and austere simplicity. Okochi was a well-known pious Buddhist who built the Jibutsudo, a Zen meditation hall. It was said that Okochi wanted to create the perfect garden with everlasting beauty to contrast with beauty captured on film that deteriorates over time. Do you think he felt the end result was perfect? *When you aim for perfection, you discover it's a moving target.* ~George Fisher

