

# Basic Detail Report

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## Hakutaku zu

**Date**

Likely 18th century

**Primary Maker**

Gyokud Chihaku

**Medium**

Paint and gold leaf on paper, remounted

**Description**

Hand scroll. Example of a type of popular Edo ephemera known as Hakutaku Zu (White Marsh Diagram). Translation of text: White Marsh is a numinous beast that repels prodigies and is capable of speech. The "Record of Engaging the World" says "In the past, Yellow Thearch, Xuanyuan/Ken'en, asked White Marsh, 'When under-heaven is tranquil and still, what prodigies would occur?' White Marsh spoke, 'If you want to eliminate prodigies, simply take the White Marsh Diagram and hang it in the dwelling. Even though there are ominous prodigies, they cannot become a disaster.'" Translation of colophon: Gyokud Chihaku, transmitter-of-the-lamp monk, at the eaves of the precious pagoda of Sens in Bush.

**Dimensions**

Sheet: 11 1/2 x 15 1/4 in. (29.2 x 38.7 cm) Mounting: 11 3/4 x 15 1/2 in. (29.8 x 39.4 cm)