# Flagstaff Peace Poles Where are they?













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## Peace Poles Promote Peace



"May Peace Prevail on Earth" A Peace Prayer



### About Peace Poles

The idea of Peace Poles was first thought up by Masahisa Goi in 1955 in Japan. The Peace Pole Project today is furthered by The World Peace Prayer Society. The first Peace Poles outside Japan were constructed in 1983. Since then, more than 100,000 have been placed around the world in over 180 countries.





#### Part One: History

Peace Poles carrying the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" have been presented to many international organizations and governments to promote a Culture of Peace around the world. Peace-lovers of all faiths have been involved in Peace Pole dedications, including the XIV Dalai Lama, Mother Teresa, President Jimmy Carter, Deepak Chopra and John Denver, as well as mayors, clubs and Girl Scouts.



#### Part Two: Locations

Peace Poles have been placed in such notable locations as the North Magnetic Pole, the Hiroshima Peace Memorial, and the site of the Egyptian Pyramids in Giza, the Aiki Shrine in Iwama, Japan, as well as numerous community parks. Frequently they are placed near the entrances of churches or schools. In one case, a garden, created for a wedding, was designed around the Peace Pole that was its center piece. The Republic of Molossia, a micronation, has a Peace Pole in eight languages.



#### Part Three: Tallest

Currently, the tallest known Peace Pole is 16.7 m (55 feet) tall, and was erected on the campus of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Kumasi, Ghana on 21st September 2007 on the International Day of Peace. It creates and preserves a monumental legacy for peace on the University campus, in Ghana and Africa as a whole. Various indigenous symbols have been carved on the pole. 5 languages (Twi—a local language in Ghana, Hindi, Chinese, Swahili, and Arabic) have been used to express the peace prayer on the pole: "MAY PEACE BE ON EARTH".





#### Part Four: Other locations

Perhaps the world's second largest Peace Pole, at 52 feet (16 m), dedicated on May 28, 2005, is located in Janesville, Wisconsin at the site of a KKK rally. The initial inspiration for planting Peace Poles often is as a response to a local issue like a KKK rally. Another of the largest Peace Poles in the world, as measured in tons, is the granite Peace Pole in Beech Acres Park near Cincinnati, Ohio. The original inspiration for it was hate literature left in the driveways of Jewish residents.



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