



# READING PAGODA

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## FOUNDATION FOR THE READING PAGODA

The mission of the Foundation for the Reading Pagoda is to provide oversight for the preservation and maintenance of the Pagoda, a cultural and historical icon and landmark of Berks County.

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## READING PAGODA FACTS:

The Reading Pagoda is a historic landmark and a symbol of the City of Reading for more than a century. The property includes 10 acres of land and is owned by the City, with management and preservation support by the Foundation for the Reading Pagoda. Built atop the south end of Mount Penn and anchored to the mountainside with 16 tons of bolts, the inspirational setting is known throughout the world.

- Built in 1908
- 7-story building
- Cost \$50,000 to build
- Built as a luxury hotel resort
- 72' tall
- 28' wide x 50' long
- Donated to Reading in 1911
- 87 steps to the top floor
- There is a Japanese bell made in 1739 at the top
- 620 feet above the City
- 886 feet above sea level
- 30-mile panoramic view
- National Register of Historic Places in 1972



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