

10 Important Sentences for The Mountain Community: Why Flagstaff?

1. Flagstaff has been home to many people over time.
2. Prehistoric cliff dwellers (the Sinagua) lived in what is now Walnut Canyon National Monument.
3. Those who moved to Walnut Canyon used the Kaibab Limestone ledges in the canyon to form natural shelters.
4. In the mid-16th century, the Spanish explorer, Coronado, traveled through the Mogollon Rim with 1,400 men and 1,500 animals.
5. In 1857, the Beale Expedition came through Flagstaff while mapping a roadway across Arizona from New Mexico to California.
6. American settlers did not move into the Flagstaff area until the 1870s, right after the Apaches had been driven into southeastern Arizona.
7. A few settlers arrived in 1876 and established a community called Agassiz near the San Francisco Peaks.
8. They celebrated the one-hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence by stripping a large Ponderosa pine to use as a staff for a flag, which gave the settlement its name – Flagstaff
9. The Atlantic and Pacific Railroad (not the Santa Fe) reached Flagstaff on August 1, 1882, and guaranteed the community's growth.
10. Today, Flagstaff is a city with a population of over 50,000 people of different cultures and backgrounds.

