



## Mount Soma Timeline

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| 1985              | Dr. Michael Mamas came across the information about building an Enlightened City. Over time, it turned into his Dharmic purpose.   |
| November, 2002    | The founders of Mount Soma came forth to purchase land.  |
| May, 2003         | Began cutting in the first road at Mount Soma, Mount Soma Blvd.  |
| January, 2005     | The first lot at Mount Soma was purchased.   |
| May, 2005         | First paving of Mount Soma's main roads.   |
| April, 2006       | Dr. Michael Mamas had the idea of a Shiva temple at Mount Soma.  |
| October, 2006     | Marcia and Lyle Bowes stepped forward with the necessary funding to build Sri Somesvara Temple.  |
| January, 2007     | Received grant approval from Germeshausen Foundation to build the Visitor Center.  |
| July, 2007        | Received first set of American drawings for Sri Somesvara Temple from the architects.  |
| July, 2007        | Under the direction of Sthapati S. Santhanakrishnan, a student and relative of Dr. V. Ganapati Sthapati, artisans in India started carving granite for Sri Somesvara Temple. |
| October, 2007     | First house finished and occupied at Mount Soma.   |
| January, 2008     | Groundbreaking for Visitor Center.   |
| May, 2008         | 146 crates (46 tons) of hand-carved granite received from India at Mount Soma.   |
| July, 2008        | Mount Soma inauguration on Guru Purnima.   |
| July/August, 2008 | First meditation retreat and class was held at the Visitor Center.   |
| February, 2009    | Mount Soma Ashram Program began.   |

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| July, 2009          | Started construction of Sri Somesvara Temple.  |
| January, 2010       | Received grant approval from Germeshausen Foundation to build the Student Union.   |
| August, 2010        | American construction of Sri Somesvara Temple completed.   |
| October, 2010       | Sthapati and shilpis arrived to install granite and add Vedic decorative design to Sri Somesvara Temple.   |
| March, 2011         | Pandit Prasad, the Vedic Pandit for Sri Somesvara Temple, and his wife, Lakshmi, arrived at Mount Soma.  |
| March, 2011         | Surabi, the cow, came to Mount Soma.   |
| May 12-16, 2011     | Consecration of Sri Somesvara Temple with 11 Vedic Pandits from U.S. and India.  |
| May-July, 2011      | Shilpis designed and built Mahanandi.  |
| December, 2011      | The Michael Mamas World Peace Project (MMWPP) began with four Pandits travelling to the 12 Jyothirlingas in India where they performed peace Yagnas. |
| February, 2012      | The first campus cottage was completed.  |
| January, 2013       | Mount Soma Ashram moved into the Student Union building.   |
| July, 2013          | Landscaping of Sri Somesvara Temple.   |
| May 29-June 2, 2014 | Hanuman Installation with 6 Vedic Pandits from around the U.S.   |
| June-July, 2014     | Mahanandi Park and Hanuman Park landscaped and beautified.   |
| July, 2014          | The MMWPP continued with four pandits journeying to the eight sacred Ashtavinayaka Ganesh temples in India to perform Abhishekam and Yagnas.         |