

Programs

- Periodic Fasting/Cleansing Retreats (4-8 days)
- Meditation Retreats
- Yoga/Tai Chi Retreats
- Native American Sweatlodges
- Druid/Wiccan Ceremonies
- Labyrinth Walks
- Personal Growth Workshops
- Personal Retreats (rent out the main lodge)
- Occasional Celebrations on Important Dates
- Nature Walks/Hikes
- Book Club Discussions/Guest Speakers
- LightWorker Lodge



Pavilion

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Website with a **Photo Gallery**
and a **Property Map**:
www.NewAgePointofInfinity.com

Facilities



A large gathering/camping/ceremonial plateau at the top of a mountain with a large 22' Sioux tipi (holds 15 people), a 50' medicine wheel, a 40' seven-circuit walking meditation labyrinth, a stone circle for Druid/Wicca/solar/lunar ceremonies and sweatlodges for American Indian ceremonies and rituals. There are many trails throughout the 38 acres with various naturalistic environments. Quiet and silence reign supreme.

There is a 3,000 square foot healing lodge with full service kitchen, three shared bedrooms and two bathrooms.

A 30' by 40' covered pavilion gathering place exists along with a large lawn, excellent for outdoor yoga, tai chi, meditation and group gatherings.

There are two seasonal (May - October) bathhouses with hot-cold running water for showers, etc.

The Temple of Consciousness contains a 30' by 24' meditation room/classroom/workshop space.

Activities

There is a variety of interesting locations within about a 30 minute drive:

- KTD Tibetan Monastery/Temple in Woodstock (approx. 1hr)
- Peace Chamber in Bearsville
- Zen Mountain Monastery at Mt. Tremper
- Omega Institute at Rhinebeck (approx. 1 hr)
- Korean Buddhist Temple in Summitville
- Caving tours (beginner to advanced), Crystal digs
- Hiking trails
- Sam's Point and Ice Cave Mountain in the Shawangunk Mountain Range
- Minnewaska State Park — lakes, hiking, etc.
- Hang Gliding plateau
- Wurtsburo Airport: plane rentals and gliders
- Mohonk Mountain House — hiking, swimming, etc.
- Horseback Riding at Braden Brook Stables 647-3751 or at the Nevele Grande Resort 647-7556

About the Founder

Ken Pollinger studied four years of engineering and one year of pre-dentistry at the University of Cincinnati and then spent thirteen years in a Jesuit seminary studying philosophy and theology toward the priesthood. He ended up in Peru, where he taught high school sociology in Spanish. Afterwards he engaged in a research project for his Ph.D. in sociology at Fordham University which ultimately was published in a book, *Community Action & The Poor: Influence vs. Social Control in a NYC Community*.

It was Gestalt, says Ken, that changed his life. "It helped me realize that I had to be in the present. I had to have experience, to probe every experience with a beginner's mind, à la Zen, to see things fresh, without cultural conditioning. I finally found my master: my direct personal experience."

Ken's faith in direct experience is reflected in his personal style, his candor and penetrating curiosity, alert to whatever or whomever turns up in the moment. He likes to talk about the rich spiritual content of apparently ordinary events. For him there's no such thing as a chance meeting. "Every single thing happens for a reason," he says. "Every moment is infused with grace. You've got to open your ears and eyes. You'll get messages, day in, day out."

Still claiming his time is the ongoing renovation of the building. He's done carpentry, exterior painting on a scaffold, and pure scut work, literally digging out the cellar and hauling off hundreds of cartons of earth. "I got a lot done through sweat equity," he says.

How does he discriminate in his selection of activities for the New Age Center and for the Point of Infinity? "I trust my guts." Every day for half an hour he lies down on the floor, relaxes, lets go, and all of a sudden thoughts will come."

"I'm open to where I'm led more than having a vision," he says. "If I die today, I'll be happy. A lot of wonderful things have happened here. I don't need more. I'm blessed." He shakes his head and smiles. "But it's fun to see what's going to happen." For example, he opened up an organic health restaurant, the Harvest Moon Café, which enjoyed a two year life span.

He is an ordained priest in The Order of Melchizedek and a recipient of a Minister of Spiritual Counseling certificate; also he officiates at creative weddings.

Ken, at 70, finished renovating the Main Lodge at the Point of Infinity--an earth-centered spiritual retreat center near Ellenville in the Catskill Mountains. He also established a free, not-for-profit on-line university: www.newageuniversity.org, which contains The Institute for Evolutionary Creationism. Ken is presently trying to build a Conscious Community at Point of Infinity and welcomes inquiries. Presently Enlightenment studies are his passion, as reflected in his latest book, *Confessions of an Ex-Jesuit*.



Directions

From Nyack, NYC, or NJ: Take NY State Thruway North (87N) to Harriman (exit 16). Take Route 17 West to Ellenville exit (exit 113). Turn right off the the ramp, and take Route 209 North to Ellenville. Drive approximately 11 miles until you see on the left Jan's Bungalow Colony. Go left on that road (Oak Ridge Road). Then:

*Drive straight on Oak Ridge Road, up mountain for about 5 miles until you come to the FIRST STOP SIGN. Right before the stop sign you'll be on an overpass over a stream, and if you look to the left you'll see a waterfall. Turn left onto Red Star Road. (Go to the extreme left, as Lucks Road is also on left) Drive about 1/4 mile and we are the third house on the left — a large open field with cement walls and a few buildings. POINT OF INFINITY signs are posted.

Fastest Route: After turning right on Route 209N, go 13 miles to the center of Ellenville, and turn left onto Route 52 (at first traffic light). **Go 5.5 miles to Post Office/Fire House on left. Take a sharp left at the P.O. onto Oak Ridge Road, and go 0.7 miles to the first right. Take left fork of right turn onto Red Star Road, and go 0.5 miles to the Point on left.**

Most Scenic Route (but slower): Once on Route 17W, get off at EXIT 119 (Pine Bush Exit) and take a right onto 302-North, then 10 miles to Pine Bush (great views!). Turn left onto 52-West and go to Ellenville (12 miles). Go over the mountain and on the other side-- majestic & spectacular overlooks of the valley and Nevele Hotel. Sometimes hang gliders are active in the area! Continue to center of Ellenville and make left onto 209-South and go 1.8 miles. On your left, past the Nevele Grande Hotel--go to Jan's Bungalow Colony on your right: take first right turn after Colony, onto OAK RIDGE ROAD, then follow directions above at *.

From Connecticut: Take Route 84 to Middletown and then take Route 17W. Then follow directions under the first paragraph.

From North: 209 South to Ellenville, then right onto 52 W, then see fastest route.



Temple of Consciousness

Point of Infinity Retreat Center



The Point of Infinity, located on a magical 38-acre wooded parcel in the astonishingly beautiful Catskill Mountains near Ellenville, NY, has a peaceful atmosphere and an enchanted, mystical natural mountaintop plateau, ideal for ceremonies, rituals, retreats and more. Only two hours drive from New York City, *The Point of Infinity* offers potentialities in holistic-health, spiritual growth, and alternative living.

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