Symbols in Skylands



Prayer

Prayer flags and prayer wheels contain Buddhist mantras / prayers. While none of these prayers are personalized, spinning the wheels or hanging flags to blow in the wind is believed to earn merit and possibly improve people's situations.





Stupas

These mark the burial places of religious leaders. They often resemble the outline of the Buddha meditating. Walking clockwise around stupas is believed to earn merit.

Thangkas

These intricate paintings hang in homes and in monasteries. They often depict a Buddhist teaching or the life of a religious leader.





Dharma wheels

This symbolizes the teachings (dharma) of the Buddha. Wheels with 8 spokes represent "The Noble Eightfold Path".

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OK, they're not religious, but be sure to look out for them when you wander into the vast mountain ranges!

