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HE HI-ABILITY PROJEC1

The Hi-Ability project is implemented in Italy .Croatia and Greece

The Hi-Ability project promotes:

- Education to autonomy
- Independent life for adult people with intellectual disabilities.

Nature is the centre of the activities of the Hi-Ability project.

The specific objectives of the Hi-Ability project are:

- Improve the knowledge of adult educators on how outdoor activities can improve social skills;
- Promote new educational approach for adults with intellectual disabilities
- Develop personal and professional competences for adults with intellectual disabilities
- Increase participation in outdoor activities
- Promote accessibility through digital tools
- Promote a European model for the education of adults with disabilities with the use of outdoor activities
- Boost social inclusion through the use of the environment.















THE GREEN GUIDE



This document, called "Green Guide", is dedicated to people with disabilities, the families and educators.



The Green Guide has been created thanks to the results of the previous activities of the project.

In particular, the Green Guide considers the results of the trainings implemented in Italy, Croatia and Greece.

The participants of the training were 30 and 9 educators.

The main topics of the training have been:

- Environmental education
- Specific skills related to hiking
- Public speaking
- Work in groups











Hiking paths in Italy

1. Oasi del Simeto nature reserve
 2. The Silvestri Craters Of Etna
 3. Spada Lakes Nature Park
 4. Marmore waterfalls





OASI DEL SIMETO NATURE RESERVE







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Technical information of the trail



Distance: 4.2 Kilometers



Duration: 2 hours



Difficulty: Easy



Refreshing points: no



When to go to the Oasi del Simeto: from February to June.



Wheather: The weather is s very humid.

Equipment and outfit required



Good walking shoes



Backpack

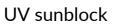


Waterproof rain jacket



Medications







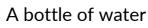
Insect repellent



Lunch and snacks



Plastic bag for rubbish





Sunglasses



Hat



Binoculars



Camera

Marking and signals



There are **signals** during the trail.

How to reach the starting point

By car

The road SS 114 from Catania proceeding in the direction of Syracuse or via the Catania ring road from the last exit Ponte Primosole.

You have to options:

1.Coming from Catania, enter the main entrance to the Reserve a few metres before Ponte Primosole, along the S.S. 114 heading south; continue for about 500 m. and park your vehicle.

2. Rejoin the SS 114 road, cross the Primosole bridge and take the road that enters zone B as far as the Forestry Service guard post. Here you can park your car and continue on foot towards the wood



By bus Line 538 Departure: Piazza Borsellino. The bus stop is "Coda Volpe". Ticket cost € 1,00- valid for 90 minutes. You have to walk 47 min to reach the Simeto Oasis.



Information and curiosity about the trail

At the mouth of the river Simeto, especially after a strong sea storm, you can find amber.

Amber is used to make jewelry.



You can also do birdwatching.



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Risks and challenges





Falling



Dehydration



Hypothermia

Flora and Fauna



Marsh reeds



Tamarisk bushes



Limonium



Eucalyptus

There are many bird species:



Herons



Wild geese



Ducks



Lapwing

During the winter period, you can find:



Coot

Emergency numbers



- **112** Euro Emergency Call
- 1515 Forrest service
- **113** Police
- **115** Fire department



THE SILVESTRI CRATERS OF ETNA







Technical information of the trail



Distance: 1 Kilometers



Duration: 3 hours



Difficulty: Easy



Refreshing points: yes - Before starting the trails at Sapienza Refuge



When to go to the Silvestri Craters of Etna: Spring and June.



Weather: The weather on Crateri Silvestri changes

The weather changes according to the **season**



The weather changes according to the **altitude**



The weather is **very cold** in winter



In winter there is the **snow**

Equipment and outfit required



Good walking shoes



Backpack



Trekking poles



Waterproof rain jacket



Medications



UV sunblock



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Insect repellent

Lunch and snacks



Sunglasses



Binoculars



Plastic bag for rubbish



Camera



A bottle of water

Marking and signals



There are **signals** during the trail.

How to reach the starting point

By car

The road **SP92** will bring you to Rifugio Sapienza.





You can park the car. You can park the car in front of the restaurant La Capannina.







You can park the car at the **parking area** at Rifugio Sapienza.



By bus

Round trip. Ticket cost € 6,60 round trip; you can buy it on the bus from the driver.



Departure: Piazza Giovanni XXIII **Time**: 8:10 every day **Arrival** at Rifugio Sapienza: 10:15





Departure: Rifugio Sapienza **Time**: 16:30 every day **Arrival** at Catania: 18:30



Information and curiosity about the trail

What you can do at Crateri Silvestri:

Hiking



Drive an authorised 4X4



See the landscape



See the costline













Falling



Dehydration



Hypothermia

Flora and Fauna

You will find different **plants.**

You will find different **animals**. The animals are foxes, rabbits, hedgehogs.

Emergency numbers



- **112** Euro Emergency Call
- 1515 Forrest service
- 113 Police
- **115** Fire department









SPADA LAKES NATURE PARK







Technical information of the trail



Distance: 3.7 Kilometers



Duration: 1.5 hours



Difficulty: Easy



Refreshing points: yes



When to go to the Spada lakes: Spring and Summer.



Weather: The weather is humid

Equipment and outfit required



Good walking shoes



Backpack



Medications



Insect repellent



Lunch and snacks



Plastic bag for rubbish





UV sunblock



Sunglasses



A bottle of water



Binoculars



Sunglasses

Marking and signals



There are **signals** during the trail.



There are explanatory panels and QR codes.

How to reach the starting point

By car

The starting point can be easily reached by car and it is located at the entrance of the park. You can park the car.





Information and curiosity about the trail

The route is shady, you can run, walk or cycle. The area of the Spada Lakes was an area of gravel extraction.



Today, it is one of the most important naturalistic spaces in Umbria.

At the entrance to the car park is a Visitor Centre.

At the Visitor Centre you can play a traditional game: Ruzzola shot game.



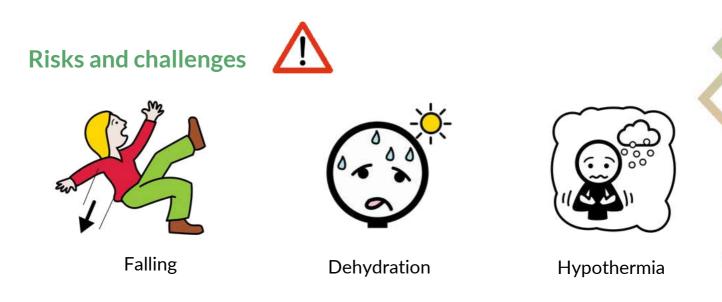


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Flora and Fauna

There is an ornithological path in the area.

The 'Spada Lakes' forest has a rich ornithological community. There are numerous species of small song sparrows and numerous species of larger birds. In the 'Spada Lakes' you can find one of the most representative heronries in the entire Umbrian territory.



The grey heron is the most common type of bird found at the Spada Lakes.



Along the bird trial, you can listen to the verse with your smarthpone, thanks to the QR code on the panels along the trail.

There are different plants in the nature area:



Oak



Black polar



White polar



Acacia



Black alder

It is the only area in Italy where there are 3 hectares of white poplar.

Emergency numbers



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- 1515 Forrest service
- **113** Police
- **115** Fire department



MARMORE WATERFALLS







Technical information of the trail



Distance: 1 Kilometer



Duration: 20 min.



Difficulty: Easy



Refreshing points: yes



When to go to the Marmore falls: Spring and early summer



Weather: The weather changes according to the season

Equipment and outfit required



Good walking shoes



Backpack







UV sunblock



Insect repellent



Lunch and snacks



Plastic bag for rubbish

A bottle of water





Sunglasses



Binoculars



Camera

Marking and signals



There are **signals** during the trail.

How to reach the starting point

By car

The starting point is located at Lower Belvedere (Piazzale Byron)

You can reach Piazzale Byron by car. There is accessible parking.

By bus

From Terni Train station, you can reach the Belvedere Inferiore in about 30 minutes by bus. Take any of these buses: E622, TR14, or TR7.

Ticket cost € 1,30- valid for 100 minutes.





Information and curiosity about the trail

Marmore Falls is a man-made waterfall created by the ancient Romans. Its height is 165 m and it is the second tallest man-made waterfall in the world. The flow of the river is turned on and off according to a published schedule. Tourists try to be there the moment the gates are opened to see the powerful rush of water.

To see the jumps, it is possible to enter from two different points: the Lower Belvedere and the Upper Belvedere.

The Park also offers the unique opportunity to practice sports:



Trekking



Cycling



Climbing



Rafting





Hypothermia

Flora and Fauna

The flora and fauna is typical of the Mediterranean environment. There are species of birds rare or even unique in Italy, such as:



The Dipper



River kingfisher



The Moorhen

The Mallard

Emergency numbers



- **112** Euro Emergency Call
- 1515 Forrest service
- 113 Police
- **115** Fire department



Hiking paths in Croatia

- 5. Koprivnica park
- 6. National park Risnjak Leska
- 7. Vinica
- 8. Šijana forrest

KOPRIVINICA PARK







Technical information of the trail



Distance: 6.3 Kilometers



Duration: 45 minutes



Difficulty: Easy



Refreshing points: yes



When to go to the Koprivnica park: Spring, Autumn



Weather: The weather changes according to the season

Equipment and outfit tequired



Good walking shoes



Backpack



Waterproof rain jacket



Medications



UV sunblock



Lunch and snacks



Plastic bag for rubbish

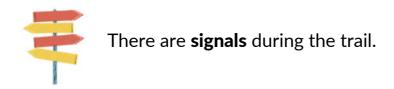


A bottle of water



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Marking and signals



How to reach the starting point

By car

The starting point is the Children's playground, square of King Zvonimir. The startiung point is accessible by car through the Križevačka ulica. There is a parking a spot at the starting point.

By bus

The starting point can reached by bus line Busko exiting on Trg Mladosti.

Trg Mladosti is 10min walking away from the starting point.

The Bus is free (Busko is a free public transport).





Information and curiosity about the trail

You can practice different sports:



Trekking



Playing handball



Playing football



Cycling





Falling



Dehydration



Hypothermia



Flora and Fauna

You will find different trees:







Mapple

Linden

Chestnut

You will find different birds:



Wigeon



Eurasian teal



Northern pintail

Emergency numbers

- **112** Euro Emergency Call
- 194 Ambulance
- **192** Police service
- **193** Fire department





RISNJAK - LESKA NATIONAL PARK

Nacionalni park Risnjak / Risnjak National Park

POUČNA STAZA LESKA

Poučna staza Leska otvorena je 4. lipnja 1993. U to vrijeme bila je prva poučna staza koja je otvorena za javnost u zaštićenim područjima Republike Hrvatske. Staza je kružnog oblika i na njoj su predstavljena prirodna i kulturna obilježja ovog kraja.

Značajke:

- Dužina: 4.200 m
- Vrijeme obilaska: oko 2 sata
- Stajališta: 23
- Težina: lagana
- Potrebna oprema: udobna sportska obuća
 Načini obilaska: pješačenje, brdski biciklizam,
- skijaško hodanje









LESKA EDUCATION TRAIL

The Leska Learning Trail was opened on June 4, 1993. At that time it was the first learning trail opened to the public for use in a protected area of the Republic of Croatia. The trail is circular, and the natural and cultural features of this region are presented on it.

Features:

- · Length: 4,200 m
- · Time to complete tour: ca 2 hours
- Stops: 23
- · Difficulty: Easy
- · Required gear: comfortable recreational footwear
- Tour methods: hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing







Technical information of the trail



Distance: 3.3 Kilometers



Duration: 40 minutes



Difficulty: Easy



Refreshing points: yes



When to go to the National park Risnjak - Leska: Spring and Summer



Weather: The weather is very hot in summer

Equipment and outfit required



Good walking shoes



Backpack



Waterproof rain jacket



Medications







Insect repellent



Lunch and snacks



Plastic bag for rubbish



A bottle of water



Sunglasses



Marking and signals



How to reach the starting point

By car

With road from direction Crni Lug you arrive at forest parking near park administration.

By bus

Departure: main bus station rijeka Time: 15:30 every working day Arrival: National park Risnjak, at 17:00.

The ticket cost € 9,00; you can buy it on the bus station Rijeka.





Information and curiosity about the trail

You can do different activities:



Trekking



Cycling



Go fishing



Adventure park





Falling



Dehydration



Hypothermia



Flora and Fauna

You will find different the beech trees:



You will find different animals:



Bears



Lynxes



Wolves

Emergency numbers



- **112** Euro Emergency Call
- 194 Ambulance
- **192** Police service
- **193** Fire department





VINICA







Technical information of the trail



Distance: 7.3 Kilometers



Duration: 50 minutes



Difficulty: Easy



Refreshing points: no



When to go to Vinica: Spring and Summer



Weather: The weather changes according to the season

Equipment and outfit required

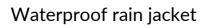


Good walking shoes



Backpack







Medications





UV sunblock



Lunch and snacks



Plastic bag for rubbish



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A bottle of water



Marking and signals



How to reach the starting point

By car

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By bus

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Trg Mladosti is 10min walking away from the starting point.

The Bus is free (Busko is a free public transport).





Information and curiosity about the trail

You can do different activities:



Trekking



Playing handball



Playing football



Cycling

Risks and challenges



Falling





Dehydration



Hypothermia



Flora and Fauna

You will find different trees:



Linden



Chestnut

You will find different birds:



Wigeon



Eurasian teal



Northern pintail

Emergency numbers

- **112** Euro Emergency Call
- 194 Ambulance
- **192** Police service
- **193** Fire department



ŠIJANA FORREST







Technical information of the trail



Distance: 3.6 Kilometers



Duration: 1 hour



Difficulty: Easy



Refreshing points: The forest has a lot of shade



When to go to Vinica: Spring and Summer



Weather: The weather is very hot in Summer

Equipment and outfit required

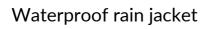


Good walking shoes



Backpack







Medications



UV sunblock



Insect repellent



Lunch and snacks



Plastic bag for rubbish



A bottle of water

Marking and signals



How to reach the starting point

By car

With road ulica Prekomorskih Brigada and ulica Ante Dukić you arrive at forest parking.

By bus Departure: main bus station Time 8:30 EVERY WORKING DAY Arrival: ŠIJANA FOREST at 9:15



The bus ticket costs ${\ensuremath{\in}}$ 3,00 round trip. You can buy it on the bus from the driver.



Information and curiosity about the trail

You can do different activities:



Trekking



Running



Pic-nic



Cycling

Risks and challenges



Falling





Dehydration



Hypothermia



Flora and Fauna







You can find different birds:



Great tilt



Humming bird



Woodpecker

Emergency numbers

- 112 Euro Emergency Call
- 194 Ambulance
- 192 Police service
- 193 Fire department





Hiking paths in Greece

9. Mount Ymittos (Kaisariani Monastery)
10. Mount Parnitha Loop: Mpafi Shelter, Mola, Skipiza
11. Sounio national park
12. Pavliani forest and recreational park



MOUNT YMITTOS (KAISARIANI MONASTERY)







Technical information of the trail



Distance: 8 Km



Duration: 2 hours



Difficulty: Easy



Refreshing points: yes, at Kalopoula Refreshments



When to go to Mount Ymittos (Kaisariani Monastery) : all year round.



Weather: Not recommended on rainy days or extreme heat or cold.

Equipment and outfit required



Good walking shoes



Backpack



Waterproof rain jacket



Medications



UV sunblock

Insect repellent

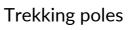


Lunch and snacks



Plastic bag for rubbish







Marking and signals



There are **signals** during the trail.



A map scattered through the forest.

How to reach the starting point

By car

The starting point is Kalopoula Refreshments. It's accessible by car. There is the Aesthetic Forest Parking nearby Kalopoula.

The parking lot is a 9 minutes' walk from the starting point.

By bus

30 minutes bus ride from Syntagma Square Take bus **number 224** from Syntagma Square.

Ticket costs \in 2,40 round trip. You can buy it on the bus from the driver or at the automatic machines.





Information and curiosity about the trail



Tower of Anthousa. This is a stone tower. Its origins are unknown.



Kaisariani Monastery. There is a 3-euro entrance fee.



Taxiarches Asterion is a Byzantine monastery. Located along the road to the ridge. It was built in 900.

Risks and challenges





Falling



Dehydration



Hypothermia

Flora and Fauna

Ymittos is a mountain with 600 and 700 different species and subspecies of plants such as:



Anemone coronaria



Aubrieta deltoidea



Donkeys are used for transportation where cars don't go.

You can also find many other animals:











Cats

Dogs

Rabbits

Foxes

Turtles

Emergency numbers



- **112** Euro Emergency Call
- 166 First aid measures
- **199** Fire department
- 2310 310649 Hellenic Rescue Team



MOUNT PARNITHA LOOP: MPAFI SHELTER, MOLA, SKIPIZA







Technical information of the trail



Distance: 7.5 Kilometers



Duration: 4/5 hours



Difficulty: Easy



Refreshing points: Kalopoula Refreshments



When to go to Parnitha: The best period for hiking in Parnitha is in mid to late September, because it is mating season for the animals.



Weather: The climate of the mountain differs from the climate of the Attica plain.

Equipment and outfit required



Good walking shoes



Backpack



Waterproof rain jacket



Medications



UV sunblock

Insect repellent



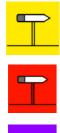
Lunch and snacks



Plastic bag for rubbish



Marking and signals



From Mpafi to Koromilia the trail is marked by yellow signs.

From Koromilia to Mola the trail is marked by red signs.

From Mola to Mpafi the trail is marked by purple signs. At some point a trail marked by red signs branches.

How to reach the starting point

By car

The starting point is the Mpafi refuge. To get to Mpafi from the center of Athens you'll need a car.

Mpafi is one hour away from the center of Athens.

Take the direction of Acharnai/Parnitha and follow the signs for the cable car of Mount Parnon casino.



Then, pass the bottom station of the cable car and continue towards the top of the mountain through a series of sharp turns.

Once at the top, continue towards Agia Triada. There is a crossroad with an church and ruins of the Kyklamina chalet.

After, turn on the right and follow the asphalt road until spot the roof of the Mpafi refuge.



The staring point in not accessible by public transport.



Information and curiosity about the trail



Mpafi - Kromilia At Koromilia there is a stone build spring with running water and a wooden picnic table making.



Mesiano nero-Mola

The main attraction of Mola is the stone-built church of Agios Petros.

There is a spring and a couple of picnic tables nearby.

Risks and challenges









Falling

Dehydration

Hypothermia

Flora and Fauna

1100 types of plants grow in the area.

29 Kinds of mammals have been recorded at Parnitha.

There are 120 different species of birds.







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- **199** Fire department
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SOUNIO NATIONAL PARK







Technical information of the trail



Distance: 12 Km



Duration: 1.5 hours



Difficulty: Easy



Refreshing points: Temple of Poseidon



When to go to Sounio: During bird migration period, in spring and autumn.



Weather: The climate of the mountain differs from the climate of the Attica plain.

Equipment and outfit required



Good walking shoes

Waterproof rain jacket



Backpack



UV sunblock

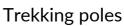
Insect repellent



Lunch and snacks



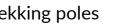
Plastic bag for rubbish



Medications









Marking and signals



There is no marking and signals during the trail, but the trail is pretty straightforward and very easy to find.

How to reach the starting point

By bus

The trail starts near the Agios Constantinos village.



On the website <u>Ktel Attikis</u>, you can find a bus from Athens to Sounion.

From Athens to Sounion : HOUR 10:30, 14.30, 17:00 on Friday & weekend only.

From Sounion to Athens: HOUR 13:45, 17:30; 20:30 on Friday & weekend only.

Departure: from Pedion (Mavrommateon Street and Alexandras avenue).

From Athens to Sounion: HOUR 10:30 & 14:30, 17:00 weekend only.

From Sounion to Athens: HOUR 13:30 & 17:30, 20:30 weekend only.

Ticket costs € 6,60 round trip. You can buy it on the bus from the driver or at the automatic machines.

Information and curiosity about the trail

There are some nice beaches around the cape.

According to the legend, Sounio is where Aegeus, the king of Athens, died.

When his son Theseus killed the Minautor in Crete and was returning to Athens he forgot to change his sails from black to white as he agreed with his father.

When Aegus saw the black sails, he wrongly thought that his son had died, so he fell with grief from the cliff.

Since then, the sea is called the Aegean Sea.









Falling



Dehydration



Hypothermia



Flora and Fauna

The flora of the park features herbaceous plants.

There are more than 260 minerals in the area.

The area of the national park has many caves

Emergency numbers

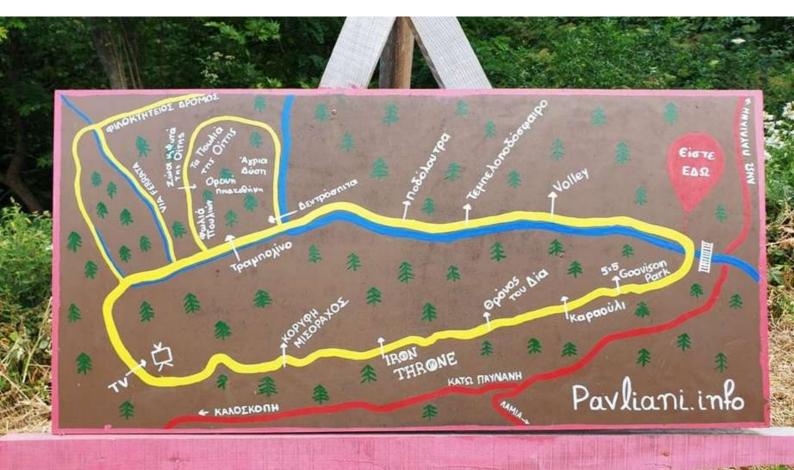


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PAVLIANI FOREST AND RECREATIONAL PARK







Technical information of the trail



Distance: 6 Kilometers



Duration: 2.5 hours



Difficulty: Easy



Refreshing points: yes - there are many places in the park where you can rest and have a picnic under the trees.



When to go to Pavliani: all year around. It is not recommended during rain or extreme heat or cold.



Weather: Climate changes according to the season.

Equipment and outfit required

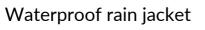


Good walking shoes



Backpack







Medications



UV sunblock

Insect repellent



Lunch and snacks



Plastic bag for rubbish



Trekking poles



Marking and signals



There are **signals** during the trail.

Ref.

At the entrance of Pavaliani Park there is a plan of the route.

At the main gate there is a sign with information on how to activate a detailed digital map on your mobile device

How to reach the starting point

By car

The park is about 2,5 hours away from Athens.

The village is 240km from Athens (via the National Road from the junction of Thermopylae) and 340 km. From Thessaloniki, while access from Patras is via Nafpaktos - Eratini - Itea - Amfissa - Bralos - Pavliani (160 km).



Information and curiosity about the trail

Pavliani is a small village in the the slopes of Mount Oiti in Central Greece. 30 years ago, the young people of Pavliani created a recreation area.

In the park you can find:



A charming canteen called "Casa de Papel".



Numerous constructions, toys for all ages.



A musical suspension bridge. The bridge looks like piano.



A a replica of the world-famous "Iron Throne" from the popular TV series "The Games of Thrones".

On the opposite bank of Asopos, there is the Hydropower Museum.

In the park there is the "Iron Throne", the "Throne of Zeus" -From there you can see the Maliac Gulf.

Risks and challenges







Dehydration



Hypothermia

Flora and Fauna

In the park you can find the following trees:



Chesnuts



Platans



Maples

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Walnuts



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