



Summer Newsletter

June - August 2015



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Park District News

Chris Clingman, Director

After a wet and somewhat cool spring, the weather finally cooperated and we were able to complete the Pattison Park gazebo renovation project. The project included removing the grassy lawn area in front of the gazebo as well as the brick pavers that formed the walkway and patio. They were replaced with a new, wider stamped concrete walkway and larger patio. The new patio, installed by Walker's concrete will make the popular wedding location much more durable in all weather seasons. Previously, the ground would become saturated and muddy after rain events, and the grass was difficult to maintain during the dry summer months. With over 13,000 guests attending weddings during the busy outdoor wedding season, the new patio and walkway will improve the overall aesthetics of the popular site, while improving its durability. The project was paid for in part by a donation from the Pattison Foundation. To view more pictures of the gazebo renovation project, visit our [flickr album](#).



A new cedar shake roof has been installed on the Hartman Cabin. While the roof has a bright new look to it now, it will gradually fade to a grey color and resemble the historic logs on the cabin. The old roof had been installed in the early 80's and had begun to come apart.

The Park District would like to give a special thank you to the volunteers from American Modern Insurance and the 3M Corporation who came out and worked in the parks as part of United Way's "Lend a Hand Week". Volunteers worked in the Shor Park raingardens and on the Indiana Bat habitat improvement project at Wilson Nature Preserve. We also want to thank Nancy Ball and Jim Myer for leading groups of volunteers working on the trails at Sycamore Park and Wilson Nature Preserve. If you are interested in volunteering to do some trail work email us at parkdistrict@clermontcountyohio.gov and we will get you connected.



Summer Naturalist Programs



Pre registration required



Program has a fee

Preschool Storytime

Join the naturalist for a story, craft, and meet a turtle!

Wednesday June 10th
11 a.m. Pattison Park
Turtles

Meet at the picnic shelter.



Wednesday June 17th
11 a.m. Sycamore Park
Turtles

Meet at Sycamore #1 picnic shelter.

Illuminating Insects

Thursday June 18th

8:30 p.m.

Chilo Lock #34 Park



Join the naturalist as we explore the fascinating world of fireflies. Discover how and why these small beetles flash during early summer evenings. We'll search

the park for these illuminating insects that have captured the curiosity of generations of children. Bring a jar or container to catch bugs in. All lightning bugs will be released after the program. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Traveling Naturalist

This summer, keep an eye out this summer for our naturalists. On a few Saturdays this summer, our naturalists will be bringing our program animals to visit park guests at Sycamore Park.

Ohio River Sweep

Saturday June 20th

Chilo Lock #34 Park

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Join thousands of volunteers on both sides of the 981 mile long Ohio River for the annual litter clean up. Due to the difficult terrain at Chilo Lock #34 Park, we recommend volunteers be 13 years or older. To sign up please call 513.876.9013.



Paddling the Little Miami

Friday June 26th

10:00 a.m.

Kelley Nature Preserve



Enjoy a guided canoe excursion as you paddle along the Little Miami River, a state and nationally dedicated scenic river. The trip is approximately five miles and will travel from Kelley Nature Preserve to Milford. For safety reasons, ages 4 and up only are permitted. To register please e-mail to parkdistrict@clermontcountyohio.gov or call 513.876.9013. Space is limited, and available spots fill up fast. Deadline to register is Monday June 22.



Naturalist Programs at Stonelick State Park

This summer, our naturalists will be visiting the campground at Stonelick State Park.

2895 Lake Drive Pleasant Plain, OH 45162

Join us for a craft, and meet a critter up close . Guests do not need to be staying at the campground to attend. All programs will take place in the campground picnic shelter.

Friday June 19th

1:00 pm

Turtles

Friday July 10th

1:00 pm

Toads

Friday August 7th

1:00 pm

Snakes



Preschool Storytime

Join the naturalist for a story, craft, and meet an animal.

Wednesday July 8th

11 a.m. Pattison Park

Toads

Meet at the picnic shelter.

Wednesday July 15th

11 a.m. Sycamore Park

Toads

Meet at Sycamore #1 Picnic Shelter.

Wednesday August 12th

11 a.m. Pattison

Snakes

Meet at picnic shelter.

Wednesday August 19th

11 a.m. Sycamore Park

Snakes

Meet at Sycamore #1 Picnic shelter.

Summer Hike

Saturday July 11th

10 a.m.

Sycamore Park

Lace up your hiking boots and explore the three miles of trails at Sycamore Park and Wilson Nature Preserve. The hike will be moderately strenuous with a few steep hills. Hike will last approximately 90 minutes. Meet at the bridge.



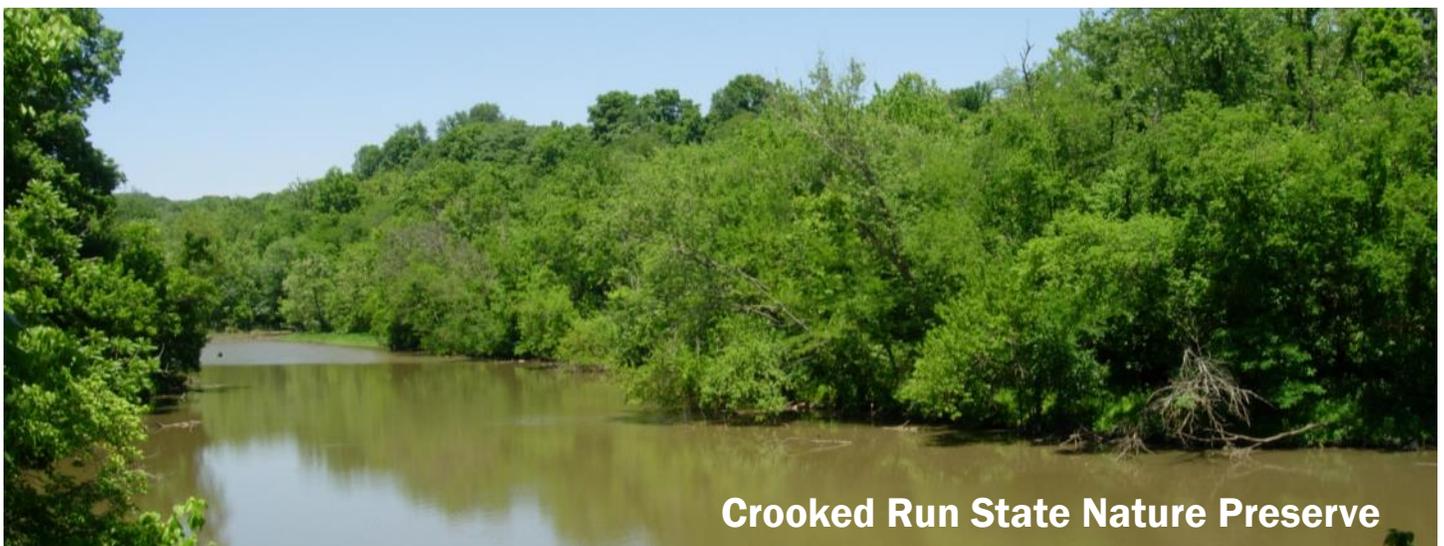
Magical Monarchs

Sunday August 2

2:00 p.m.

**Chilo Lock #34
Park**

Discover more about one of our most fascinating insects, the Monarch butterfly. See how you can help these magnificent winged insects along their annual migration to Mexico in Autumn and help their declining population. We'll meet in the Visitor Center for an introduction, then we'll hike through the meadow in search of the butterflies, or their eggs.



Crooked Run State Nature Preserve

Canoeing Crooked Run

Friday July 17th, 10:00 a.m.

Friday August 14th, 10:00 a.m.

Chilo Lock # 34 Park

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Crooked Run State Nature Preserve

Explore the backwaters of Crooked Run State Nature Preserve by canoe. We'll begin at the boat ramp in Chilo Lock #34 Park, then paddle about 1/2 mile up the Ohio River and into the backwaters of Crooked Run State Nature Preserve. For safety reasons, ages 4 and up only. Pre registration is required. Please call 513.876.9013 or e-mail to parkdistrict@clermontcountyohio.gov to sign up.

Registration deadline for July 17th date is Friday July 10th
Registration deadline for August 14th date is Friday August 7th



Clermont County Park District Geo Trail Kickoff Event

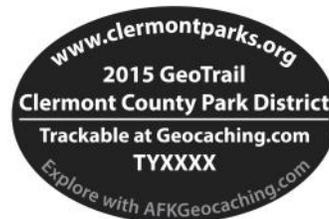
Friday June 19th

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sycamore Park (Sycamore Woods picnic shelter)

Whether you're interested in Geocaching but have never tried it, or you're an experienced veteran, the Clermont County Park District has a wonderful opportunity for you to explore geocaching this summer. We've partnered with AFK Geocaching to offer a "Geotrail" throughout the park district.

Once you find at least 1 Geocache in each of our main parks, you'll be eligible to purchase a souvenir GeoCoin! Every GeoCoin comes with a unique tracking code that is trackable on Geocaching.com



At the kickoff event, we will have a meet and greet with the local Geocaching club along with experts to answer your questions. Visit the [Geocaching link](#) on our website for more details.



AFK Geocaching

Special Thank You

The Park District would like to thank the following individuals and groups for donating their time to support over the last few months.

The Clermont Northeastern High School's National Honor Society for volunteering at the annual Pancakes in the Park on March 14th.

Grassy Run Historical Society for volunteering at the annual Pancakes in the Park.

Volunteers from 3M and American Modern Insurance group for volunteering their time to improve the raingardens at Shor Park, and remove honeysuckle at Sycamore Park and Wilson Nature Preserve.

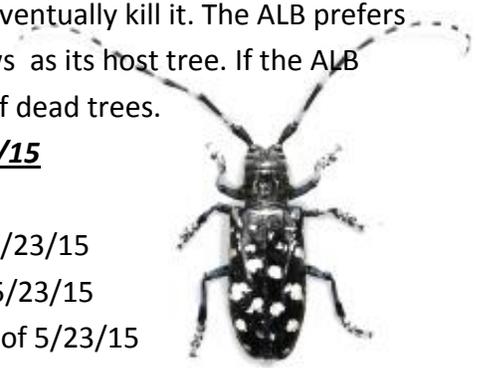
Jim Myer and Nancy Ball for coordinating volunteer work groups in Sycamore Park and Wilson Nature Preserve.

Asian Longhorned Beetle Invades Clermont County

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Ohio Department of Agriculture are continuing to monitor the status of the Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) in Clermont County. The ALB is an invasive destructive pest native to Asia. The ALB feeds on its host tree and will eventually kill it. The ALB prefers maples, but will also use buckeye, hackberry elm, ash, birch, and willows as its host tree. If the ALB continues to spread, it will be very destructive, resulting in thousands of dead trees.

Number of trees affected as of 2/28/15

1,535,478 Trees surveyed
16,166 ALB infested trees confirmed as of 5/23/15
15,066 ALB infested trees removed as of 5/23/15
49,893 ALB high risk host trees removed as of 5/23/15
36,130 High risk host tree treatments in 2013 and 2014



If you find evidence of the ALB on your property, report it to the Ohio Department of Agriculture at 1-855-252-6450.



Adult ALB showing egg laying sites on tree bark.



Egg laying sites in tree bark.



Tree showing multiple exit holes, where adult ALB's emerged.



An adult ALB emerging from the inside of a tree. After transforming from pupae to adult, ALB's bore perfectly round dime sized exit holes



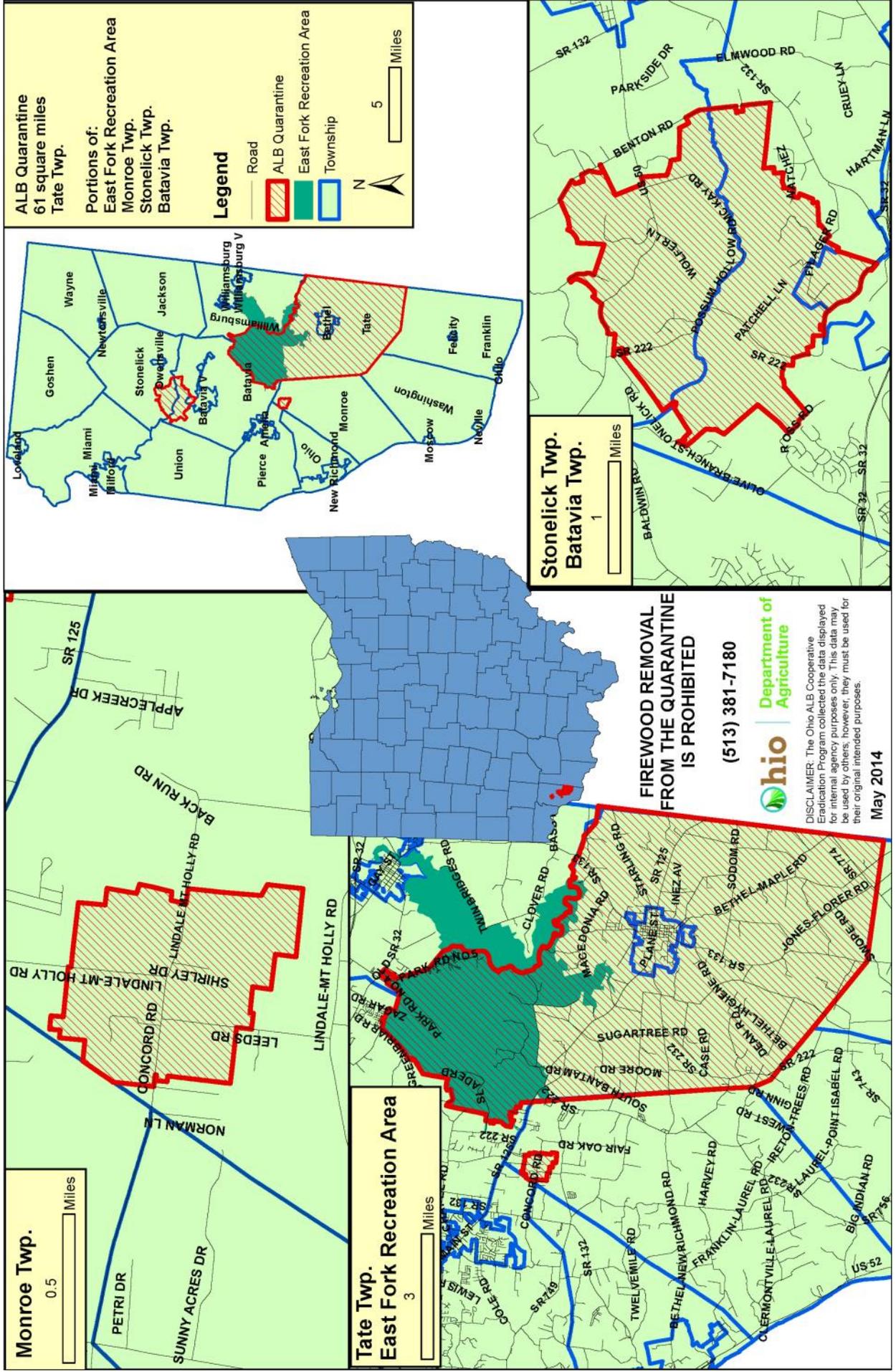
Close up of the perfectly round, dime sized exit



If you find evidence of the Asian Longhorned Beetle, report it to the Ohio Department of Agriculture at 1-855-252-6450

For more information on the Asian Longhorn Beetle visit www.beetlebusters.info

Asian Longhorned Beetle Firewood Quarantine Area



Picnic Shelter Rentals

The Park District has picnic shelters for rent at Chilo Lock 34 Park, Sycamore Park, and Pattison Park for your picnic or family gathering. Call the Park District administrative office at 513.732.2977 to make your reservation or check on availability.



| <i>Park/Shelter</i> | <i>Capacity</i> | <i>Fee</i> |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Chilo Lock 34 Park | 50 | \$75 |
| Pattison Park | 150 | \$100 |
| Sycamore Woods | 50 | \$75 |
| Sycamore #2 | 150 | \$100 |



Pattison Lodge and Gazebo & Hartman Log Cabin

Call 513.732.2977 to make your reservation.



Pattison Lodge and Gazebo Rental Rates
 Monday through Thursday \$200
 Friday and Sunday \$550
 Saturday \$650



Hartman Log Cabin Rental Rates

In Season Rates (May 15-October 15)

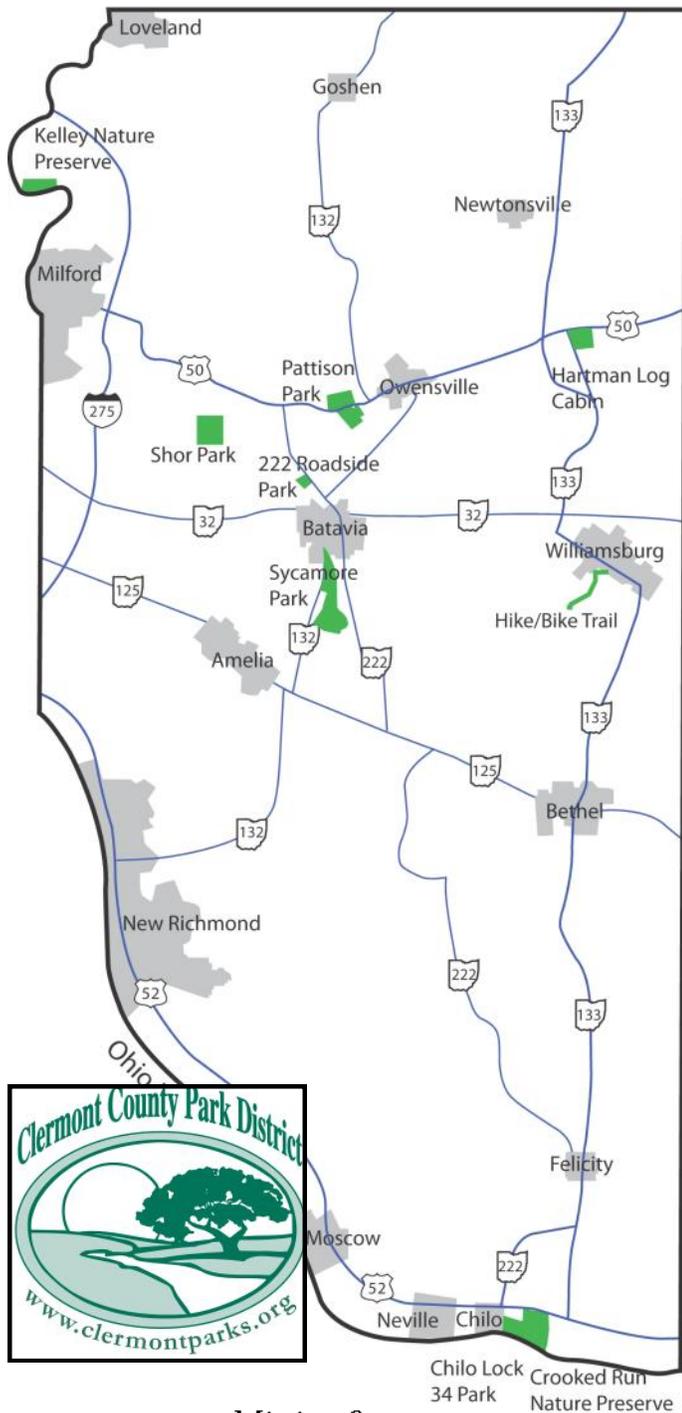
Monday through Thursday \$125
 Friday through Sunday \$175

**Includes the use of the picnic shelter*

Out of Season Rates (October 16—May 14)

Monday through Sunday \$125





Mission Statement

To acquire, plan, develop, program, and maintain park property in the county for residents and nonresidents alike. To secure the preservation of open space and places of scenic or historical value.

Monthly board meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 12:00 pm in Pattison Park Lodge. All meetings are open to the public. For more information call 513.732.2977.

Chilo Lock 34 Park 39 acres

521 County Park Road Chilo, OH 45112
513.876.9013

Crooked Run Nature Preserve 77 acres

521 County Park Road Chilo, OH 45112

Hartman Log Cabin 5 acres

5272 Aber Road Williamsburg, OH 45176

Kelley Nature Preserve 42 acres

297 Center Street Loveland, OH 45140

Pattison Park 45 acres

2228 US Highway 50 Batavia, OH 45103

Shor Park 56 acres

4659 Tealtown Road Batavia, OH 45103

Sycamore Park 53 acres

4082 State Route 132 Batavia, OH 45103

Wilson Nature Preserve 145 acres

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Williamsburg - Batavia Hike/Bike Trail

Broadway Road Williamsburg, OH 45176
3.5 miles long

Contact Information

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