

JANUARY
2007

Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7 pm at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.

MTTA's Hut-to-Hut Ski Trails

Monday, January 8, 7 pm

Presented by: Ed Book

The Mount Tahoma Trails Association (MTTA) is the largest no-fee hut-to-hut ski trail system in North America—and it's only 80 miles from Bremerton! Ed is an active ski patroller, groomer and assistant hut manager with the MTTA, when he isn't busy running his photography business. Come enjoy a multimedia presentation from Ed and learn more about the MTTA.

Photos courtesy of Ed Book





Board Meeting

There will be a Board Meeting on Thursday, January 4, at 6:30 pm. The Board Meeting will be at Jon & Sue DeArman's house immediately before the MAP Meeting (see page 4). The Board will be discussing the PWC's treasury surplus. All PWC members are welcome to attend.

Drawing for Copper Creek Hut

The drawing for overnight reservations at Copper Creek Hut will be held at the January General Meeting on Monday, January 8. If you are interested in staying in the hut (see page 6 for a description of the outing), contact Doug Savage or Venita Goodrich at 360-698-9774 to put your name in the drawing. PWC members who attended the MTTA Gala in November will be given first priority. Remaining spaces will be filled by the drawing. If you are unable to attend the January General Meeting, make sure your name is on the list in advance.



Winterfest

PWC WINTERFEST is Presidents Day weekend, February 16-19, 2007. Due to another group gathering at the Stevens Cabin the same weekend, we're limited to 25 registrations. The other group should not impact our stay at the cabin at all, just more folks to help with meals and fill in a card game.

Since we're limited to 25 and fronting the fees to the Mountaineers, I'm asking you to pre-register with Tom Rogers at thomasrogers@comcast.net or call Tom at 360-692-2547. Please be ready to pay in full at the January General Meeting, or if you won't be attending the meeting, mail checks to Tom Rogers, PO Box 723, Keyport, WA 98345. Make the checks payable to Tom Rogers. There's an explanation of costs below. First 25 to register and pay get the spots!!

This year's WINTERFEST will be held at the Stevens Pass Mountaineers Cabin; located at the 4061-foot summit of Stevens Pass. The cabin is four stories high, sleeps 55 people, and has men's, women's, family and couples dorms, plus kitchen, dining and living areas.

- ◆ Ski from the Cabin door to the lifts and from the lifts to the door
- ◆ XC ski / Skate ski / Snowshoe 20 miles of groomed trails in Mill Valley
- ◆ Ski / Snowshoe climbs to Skyline Peak, located directly across the road from lodge and Lantam Lakes above Mill Valley
- ◆ BC ski / Snowshoe miles of Forest Service Trails in the immediate area. Sno-Park pass required at some trailheads
- ◆ Snowshoe PCT located on ridge above Cabin
- ◆ Shop in Leavenworth located 20 miles east
- ◆ Drink HOT TODDIES with Tom and Cathy each evening in the Stevens Bar.

COST: \$65 (Mountaineer members) or \$98 (Non-Mountaineers) for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights includes all breakfasts and dinners. Bring your own snacks for lunch. A full-service kitchen is available for use (includes microwave).

No alcohol is allowed inside the Cabin. The bar is a romantic 5-minute walk through the snow and is open to 11 pm.

For details about the cabin, call Jon DeArman at 360-697-1352.

For information about Winterfest, email Tom at thomasrogers@comcast.net, or call 360-692-2547.

Monthly

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, January 4, 7 pm

Contact: Jon & Sue DeArman, 360-697-1352

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Jon & Sue's house in Poulsbo. A Board Meeting will be held immediately before the MAP meeting. The Board Meeting is open to all members and will start at 6:30 pm.

January Potluck

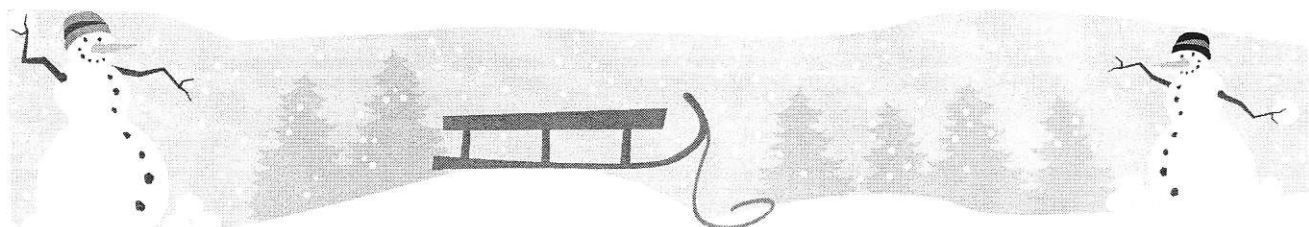
Friday, January 19, 7 pm

Contact: Charlie Pomfret, 360-479-7820

Visit with fellow PWCers at Charlie's home in Bremerton. Bring an entrée or side dish to share. As host, Charlie will provide the dessert.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outing / Meeting</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Various	Ice Climbing at Icicle Creek	Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net, 360-792-1714
1/1	Spruce Railroad Hike	Doug Savage & Venita Goodrich, 360-698-9774
1/1	XC Ski Snoqualmie Pass	Laura Rightmyer, 360-297-3816
1/4	MAP: Monthly Activity Planning & Board Meeting	Jon & Sue DeArman, 360-697-1352
1/6	XC Ski Mowich Lake	Gayla Perini, 360-830-3553
1/6-7	BC Ski & Winter Camp at Smith Brook	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429
1/8	General Meeting	Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547
1/12-16	Methow Valley XC Ski Trip	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883
1/14	XC Ski/Snowshoe Cabin Creek	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774
1/19	January Potluck	Charlie Pomfret, 360-479-7820
1/20	XC Ski/Snowshoe to Steeple Rock	Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352
1/20-21	XC Ski & Camp Pleasant Valley	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429
1/27	Restoration Tree Planting at Tarboo Peninsula	Molly Deardorff, 360-536-3467
1/27-28	Snow Caves Overnight at Blewett Pass	Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547

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Outings

A Word About Outings

All PWC outings and other activities are open to anyone, but if you enjoy our company and what we do, we would like you to become a member. The persons sponsoring trips should not be considered instructors or leaders. If you are unsure of your abilities, discuss the trip thoroughly with the organizer. Each participant is responsible for his or her own comfort and safety on any outing. Always carry the 10 essentials.

Pet Policy

Please leave pets at home when attending PWC outings unless the trip is specifically listed as welcoming them.

Please Call Early

As a courtesy to the sponsor of an outing in which you are interested, please try to call at least two days before the trip for single-day outings, and as soon as possible for overnight outings. This allows the sponsor time to make necessary arrangements, or alternate plans should a trip be canceled for some reason. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated.

Ice Climbing at Icicle Creek

Various Dates

Contact: Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net, 360-792-1714

If you are interested in climbing with Dale anytime this season, give him your contact information, and he will contact you when conditions are suited for ice climbing. All ability levels are welcome—Dale will gladly teach beginners.

Spruce Railroad Hike

Monday, January 1

Contact: Doug Savage & Venita Goodrich, 360-698-9774

Hike 4 miles each way on the Spruce Railroad Trail on the north shore of Lake Crescent.

XC Ski Snoqualmie Pass

Monday, January 1

Contact: Laura Rightmyer, 360-297-3816

Cross-country ski at Snoqualmie Pass New Years Day! Depending on ability and interest of the group, we'll ski either at the Nordic Center or Sno-Park. Beginners welcome!

XC Ski Mowich Lake

Saturday, January 6

Contact: Gayla Perini, 360-830-3553

Cross-country ski to Mowich Lake in the northwest corner of Mount Rainier National Park. Although the park is closed to vehicles due to flood damage, visitors can still enter the park on foot.

BC Ski & Winter Camp at Smith Brook

Saturday, January 6 - Sunday, January 7

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Call Kevin for details.

XC Ski/Snowshoe Cabin Creek

Sunday, January 14

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

This will be Doug's first ski trip after knee surgery. Join him for 5 miles of cross-country skiing or snowshoeing on the flattest groomed ski trail in Washington.

Methow Valley XC Ski Trip

Friday, January 12 - Tuesday, January 16

Contact: Emily Grice, 206-842-7883

Explore 200 km of groomed cross-country ski trails in the beautiful Methow Valley. We are trying to stay at the Chewuch Inn or at the Rio Vista in Winthrop. Please let me know if you are going, where you are staying, and if you have room in your vehicle.

XC Ski/Snowshoe to Steeple Rock

Saturday, January 27

Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Cross-country ski or snowshoe to Steeple Rock at Hurricane Ridge. Enjoy hot toddies or snow-ritas at Steeple Rock.

XC Ski & Camp at Pleasant Valley

Saturday, January 20 - Sunday, January 21

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Call Kevin for details.

Restoration Tree Planting at Tarboo Peninsula

Saturday, January 27

Contact: Molly Deardorff, 360-536-3467

Plant trees at Tarboo Peninsula, in the Olympic Music Festival area.

Snow Caves Overnight at Blewett Pass

Saturday, January 27 - Sunday, January 28

Contact: Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547

Spend a cozy night in a snow cave with a few of your close PWC friends. The plan is to carpool up Saturday morning, ski or snowshoe a minimal distance from the parking area, and build snow caves. Sunday, we'll collapse the caves and do a little skiing or snowshoeing before we return home. No experience necessary.

Ski Toilet Bowls

Sunday, February 4

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Ski the Toilet Bowls at Hurricane Ridge. Intermediate telemark or alpine ability recommended.

XC Ski & Camp at Baker Hot Springs

Saturday, February 10 - Sunday, February 11

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Call Kevin for details.

Outings

Winterfest at Stevens Pass

Friday, February 16 - Monday, February 19

Contact: Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547

Join us for downhill skiing, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing at Stevens Pass. We'll stay at the Mountaineers' Lodge, where you can ski directly from the cabin to the lift line! (See page 3 for details.)

Hike the South Fork of the Skokomish

Saturday, February 24

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Enjoy an easy, scenic hike on the South Fork of the Skokomish River.

XC Ski Copper Creek Hut to Puyallup Ridge Lookout

Tuesday, February 27 - Thursday, March 1

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774, and Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Cross-country ski to Copper Creek Hut on the MTTA trails. Spend Tuesday night at Copper Creek, then ski to the Puyallup Ridge Lookout. Spend Wednesday night winter camping at the Lookout. Ski 10 miles back to the trailhead on Thursday.

XC Ski/Snowshoe to Olympic Hot Springs

Wednesday, February 28

Contact: Cathy Palzkill, 360-692-2547

Join Cathy for a birthday celebration on the trails. This will be a 2-5 mile (one way) easy cross-country ski or snowshoe to superb natural hot springs for lunch and maybe a soak. Distance depends on where the plowed road ends.

XC Ski or Snowshoe to Copper Creek Hut

Saturday, March 3 - Sunday, March 4

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Cross-country ski or snowshoe into Copper Creek Hut on the MTTA trails. If you are interested in staying overnight in the hut, call name to get your name in the drawing (see page 2). If your name isn't picked, you are still welcome to come up to the hut for the day, or winter camp outside the hut.

Backpack Lake Ozette/Cape Alava

Saturday, March 10 - Sunday, March 11

Contact: Gayla Perini, 360-830-3553

Backpack the Lake Ozette Triangle on the Pacific coast.

Windsurf at Bonaire

Saturday, March 31 - Sunday, April 1

Contact: Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net, 360-792-1714

Windsurf at Bonaire, an island off the coast of Venezuela. Dale will give free windsurfing lessons to anyone who joins this trip.

Snow Camp Ptarmigan Ridge

Saturday, April 21 - Sunday, April 22

Contact: Brian Steely, 360-297-3825

Snow Camp at Ptarmigan Ridge at Mount Rainier.

Backpack the Grand Canyon

Sunday, April 22 - Monday, May 7

Contact: Dave Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com

I am once again heading to the Grand Canyon for my annual pilgrimage. The route this year will be in the eastern section of the canyon and then back along the Tonto Trail to Phantom Ranch. The area is very isolated with several difficult sections that will entail route finding, climbing down dry falls, scaling a cliff and descending a steep talus slope. Weather should be 60-70 degrees at night and 80-90 degrees during the day. The route will be down the Tanner Trail to Tanner Rapids on the 1st day, then upriver to Palisades Creek (Lava Canyon Rapids) on the 2nd day. The 3rd day is a rest day or optional day hike to the confluence of the Little Colorado and Colorado Rivers along the Beamer Trail. The 4th day takes us back down the Beamer Trail to Tanner Rapids then along the Escalante Route to either Cardenas Creek or up to the Unkar Overlook. The 5th day would be the most difficult, both in route finding and in obstacles. We would end up at Hance Rapids after negotiating slot canyons, dry waterfalls, the Papago Wall and Papago Slide. Day 6 takes us to Horseshoe Mesa with the Cave of the Domes and mining ruins. The 7th day brings us to Grapevine Canyon, worth exploring, and the 8th to Lone Tree Canyon. Day 9 brings us to the Bright Angel Campground where we would pick up a food cache for the last 3 days. Once at Bright Angel, I am planning to do a little reconnaissance for a future trip up to Utah Flats and Phantom Canyon. Day 10 is a rest day or optional long day hike to Lower, Upper and maybe Upper Upper Ribbon Falls. The 11th day takes us about halfway out of the canyon to Indian Gardens. An optional day hike to Plateau Point is on the list for the afternoon/evening. Finally, on Day 12 we will climb the rest of the way out of the canyon. Total backpacking mileage is about 80 with 35 or more miles of optional day hikes and exploration. The permit is for a maximum group size of 11. There are currently 5-7 openings. There will be several meetings to discuss the route, hazards, equipment and transportation.

Grand Canyon Dory Trip

Tuesday, May 8 - Tuesday, May 22

Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577

David Cossa and Rod Henderson will be doing a trip down the Grand Canyon in wooden dories with a commercial outfit. If you are interested, call 1-800-544-2691 to make a reservation. If you need some time to think about it, you can also get a ten-day reservation hold. The total cost is about \$3500. Only 12 spaces are available per trip, so time is of the essence.

Trip Report

XC Ski/Snowshoe Hurricane Ridge

Submitted by Maureen Kelly
Photos courtesy of Tom Leurquin

On Saturday, November 25, twelve people from the PWC went to Hurricane Ridge for a ski and snowshoe outing. Several of us met at the church on Viking Way in Poulsbo at 8:30 am and we rearranged skis and other equipment and then carpooled. We stopped at Sunny Farms in Sequim where we got extra food and drink for the day.

As we started up the road to Hurricane Ridge from Port Angeles, we stopped at the ranger station and they said that the road had just opened. Good timing on our part. By the time we got to the pay station entering the park, there was snow on the ground. As usual, the snow got heavier the closer to the top we got. At the top, the snow was very thick and coated the trees like a shroud. We were told that the temperature was fourteen degrees. It felt like it too.

We got our skis or snowshoes on and headed out. Only two other skiers had gone down the trail earlier, so the trail down the road was deep, soft and very new. The way was a little difficult with the snow so deep and new. A few other people took other trails and did other things. When we got out to the end, it was cold and, as usual, the wind was blowing the snow around. Other people soon came out and tried to tackle Hurricane Hill. On the way back, many people were coming down the road. At times, it was like a freeway. Skiers were doing one thing and snowshoers were doing another. Many new trails were made.

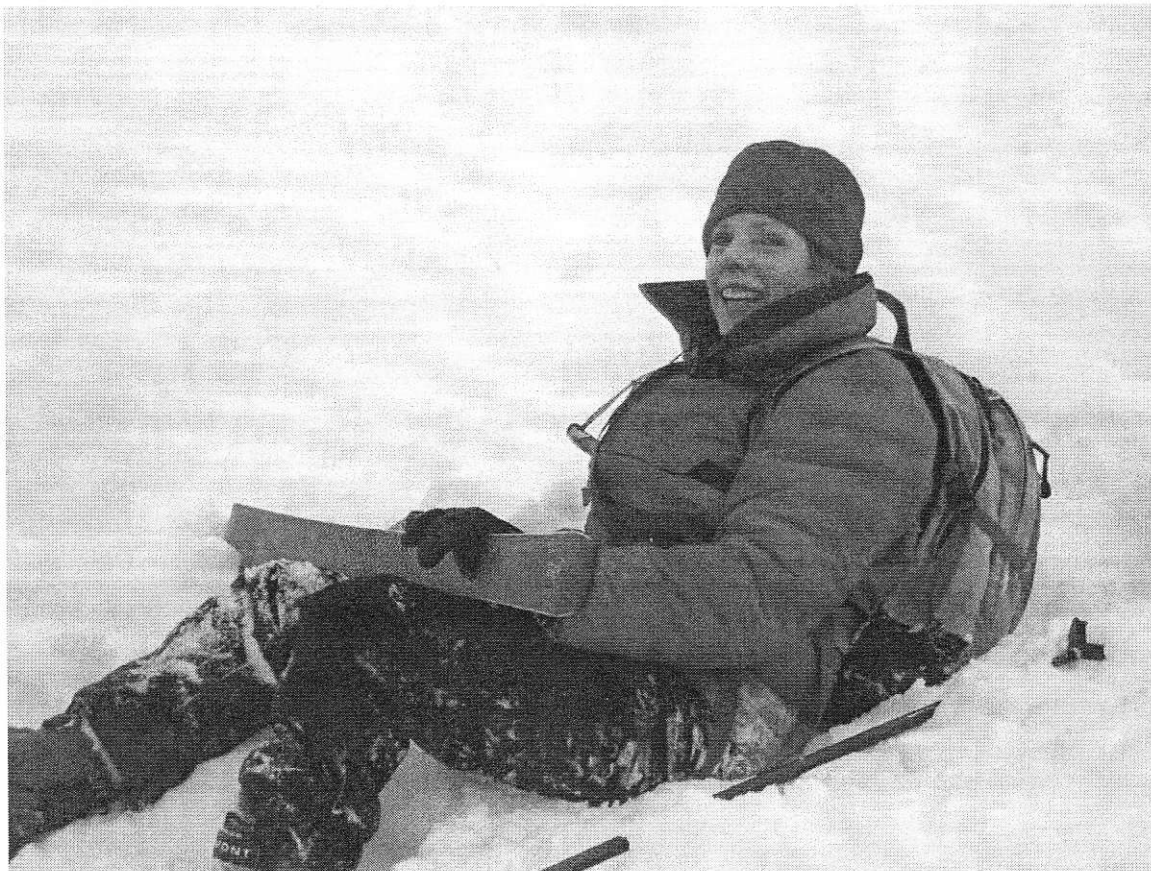
It took a while to get back to the parking lot and once we did in was seventeen degrees and the wind had picked up. We took a break in the hut or ranger station and ate some lunch. It was 2:00 pm by then. The snack bar was closed. After lunch, we all decided to go back home, as the wind was getting stronger. They do not call it Hurricane Ridge for nothing. It was amazing that even with the blizzard conditions starting, people were still driving up the road. I saw one woman get out of the car with sandals on. Go figure.

Anyway, it was a fun day and a good start to the winter fun!



Standing: Charlie Pomfret, John Knott, Maria McGuire, Barney Bernhard, Laurie Mottram, Olivia [last name unknown], Bruce Daily, Maureen Kelly. Kneeling: Ellen Knott, Donna Daily.

Trip Report



Above: Maureen Kelly getting personal with the powder. Below: Bruce and Donna Daily, Maria McGuire, Tom Leurquin.



Club News

Door Prize Winner

At the December meeting, Jerry Gaudette won a thermos.

Meeting Refreshments

Thanks to everyone who brought treats to the December meeting! Contact Doug Savage @ 360-698-9774 if you would like to bring snacks to the next meeting.

We Need You!

Each month the club's MAP meeting and potluck dinner are in need of volunteer hosts willing to share their home for an evening. If you can handle a small home invasion, please contact the club secretary, Barbara Hager, at 360-692-5121.



Sponsor an Outing

We are always looking for people to sponsor outings for the PWC. If you are planning a trip, let us know about it! Come to the MAP meeting the Thursday before the General Meeting to discuss your plan for a trip. You can submit trip descriptions to the PENWICLE by contacting Erin Hennings at penwicle@hotmail.com or 360-621-6961. Planning a last-minute outing? No problem - post your trip on the PWC website by filling out the form at <http://www.pwckitsap.org/>

Trip Reports & Photos Wanted

Do you have a great story to share about a recent trip? Erin Hennings is looking for trip reports to print in the PENWICLE. Trip reports can be all text, all photos, or any combination of the two. There are no length requirements. Please send trip reports and photos to Erin at penwicle@hotmail.com



Scrapbook Photos Wanted

Bethany Cecere, our Scrapbook Editor, is looking for photos of PWC activities. Please include your name, details of the trip (date and location), people and places in the pictures and whether you need the pictures back. Electronic photos are welcome, too. Contact Bethany Cecere, 360-243-8533, bethany.cecere@comcast.net

Update Your Email Address

Does the PWC have your current email address? If not, contact Barbara Hager, Membership Coordinator, to update your email address and other contact information. Barbara can be reached at 360-692-5121 or greenthumb@telebyte.com

Club Business

Joining the PWC or Membership Renewal

The PWC General Meeting is held the second Monday of each month, 7 pm, at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in East Bremerton. To join or renew, please see form on back of newsletter. Receive a discount on select merchandise or services at the following businesses with your PWC membership, but check with vendor for details:

- Olympic Outdoor Center, Poulsbo
- Vertical World Climbing Gym, Bremerton
- Silverdale Cyclery, Silverdale
- Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast, Port Townsend
- Ajax Café, Port Hadlock
- Kitsap Sports, Silverdale
- Poulsbo Running, Poulsbo

New members will receive a membership card with their New Membership packet. All members can pick up a card at the monthly meeting.

Address Changes and Member Address-Phone List

Address changes should be sent to Barbara Hager at Peninsula Wilderness Club, P.O. Box 323, Bremerton, WA 98337-0070, or email greenthumb@telebyte.com, or call 360-692-5121. Members should also contact Barbara if they wish to receive a new membership directory.

PENWICLE Submissions

Submissions to the PENWICLE must be received by the Friday after the General Meeting to insure a place in the next issue. Contact Erin Hennings at penwicle@hotmail.com or 360-621-6961.

PWC Online...www.pwckitsap.org

Please contact Venita Goodrich at 360-698-9774 for inquiries regarding the PWC website. Submissions to the editor of the PENWICLE will be sent to the website, unless requested otherwise.

Officers & Staff

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PWC

Join or Renew Membership

PWC

The Peninsula Wilderness Club is an informal organization for persons interested in active outdoor pursuits. Main activities include hiking, backpacking, mountain climbing, rock climbing, and skiing. All outings, from casual hikes to technical mountain sports, are initiated by individual members. These members are volunteers who generously offer to make minimal arrangements so an outing can take place. They do not accept responsibility for the safety or care of any participant. The PWC does not conduct instructional programs and members are expected to have whatever clothing, equipment, skills, and physical conditioning are appropriate for the outing they wish to join. Members are expected to practice responsible environmental stewardship and must accept that there are dangers and a risk of injury in most outdoor activities.

Dues are \$25 per household per year. Send a check or money order to:

Peninsula Wilderness Club, P.O. Box 323, Bremerton, WA 98337-0070

Please check if: New Member(s) ☐ Renewing Member(s) ☐ Change of Address ☐

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