

Welcome to Walnut Creek

Walnut Creek has exceptional balance: open space, residential areas, an active business and commercial community, parks, entertainment, and recreation. No age group dominates. It is a comfortable city with apartment complexes, condominiums, single family dwellings, and multi-acre ranch estates.

Senior citizens can find housing close to Walnut Creek's downtown, and their community center offers

a great many activities. Rossmoor, Northern California's largest community for people fifty-five and older, boasts a population of over eight thousand in its beautiful, secluded valley. Representative offices of large national corporations exist beside local professional and retail businesses in downtown. Business areas are distinct from residential areas, yet

close enough for convenient shopping, commuting, dining and entertainment.

Massive Mt. Diablo dominates the local landscape. Its lovely grassy slopes and the other undeveloped ridges that help separate the city from surrounding communities are eloquent inspiration for Walnut Creek's long standing commitment

to open space. In fact, the city's 2,500 acres of open space may be the most per capita for any urban community in the United States. In



1989, Walnut Creek was the first California community to receive the National Conference of Mayors' City Livability Award for a city of less than 100,000. Livable is an apt description for Walnut Creek, where residents and visitors can take advantage of so many amenities. Early risers breakfast in cafes and coffee shops where they chat with regulars or network

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with business associates. Local outdoor enthusiasts have a wide choice of trails and open spaces where they can jog, bicycle, hike, or even ride horses. Shoppers can choose from numerous downtown shops, boutiques, and department stores on Broadway Plaza, or convenient neighborhood shopping centers. The climate, generally warm and comfortable, allows people to get out and enjoy Walnut Creek almost any time of year.

Years ago, Walnut Creek made a commitment to provide the kinds of activities and services that would benefit the entire community. Today, tennis, swimming, softball, and other sports are available at municipal parks. Extensive educational programs provide continuing education for both adults and children. Yet the city provides these amenities in such a way that much of it pays for itself through fees, volunteerism, and careful planning.

Excellent educational programs in public and private schools, plus diverse recreational opportunities, reflect a strong commitment to the youth of the community. The Regional Center for the Arts, completed in 1991, enriches the community with concerts, dance and dramatic productions. The Lindsay Museum has moved into a brand new facility where it will continue to care for injured and sick wildlife and educate the community about their splendid natural surroundings.

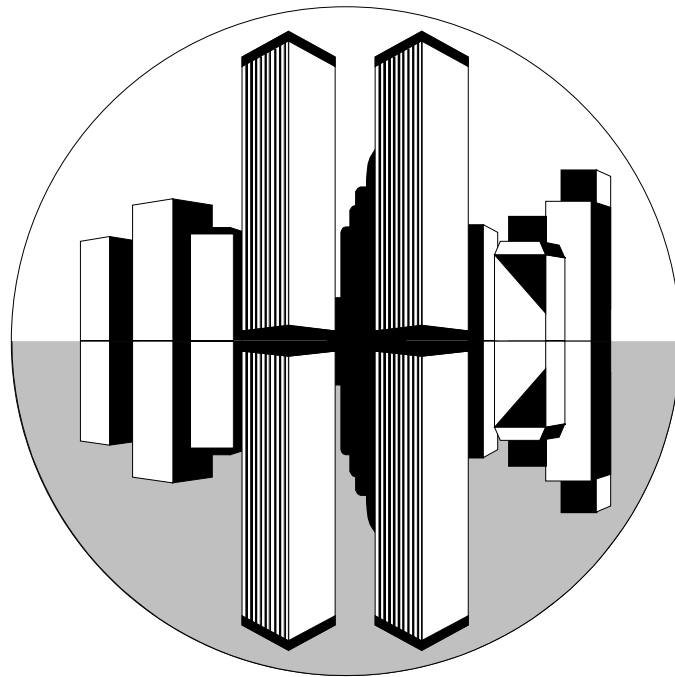
For those who need more variety, San Francisco or the world famous Napa Valley wine region are less than an hour away. Just a couple of hours drive to the east, spectacular Lake Tahoe and the historic gold country, in the Sierra foothills, offer still more recreational diversion, as well as some of the most beautiful scenery found in the country.

The Hub

Walnut Creek is the cross-roads where major ground transportation links intersect in Contra Costa County. Physically distinct from its immediate neighbors, Walnut Creek is conveniently close to San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento and the East Bay area. It is also home to corporate, professional, and retail businesses that provide employment for over 53,000 residents of Contra Costa and surrounding counties.

From its very beginning as "The Corners, Walnut Creek has been a critical intersection for routes from San Francisco to Sacramento and San Jose to Martinez. In 1849, when William Slusher built his home on the bank of "Nuts Creek" (currently the site of the Broadway

Plaza Parking Garage), the Corners became the collection and transshipment point for wheat grown in the Diablo and San Ramon Valleys, once the "bread-basket" of the Bay Area.



Walnut Creek was formally named when the first U.S. Post Office was established in 1862. It was not until October 21, 1914, that the original town and surrounding area of five hundred acres were incorporated as

the eighth city in Contra Costa County. Growth was slow and steady in the early decades, and with the advent of irrigation to the valleys around town, fruit trees gradually supplanted wheat as the primary cash crop. Walnut Creek served as a social and religious center for the surrounding farm lands.

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Walnut Creek has managed to retain its character by setting strict standards for development. Strong design review focuses emphasis on landscaping and the preservation of open space. The city has been the vanguard of urban development in terms of architectural control since 1971, when it adopted its first General Plan.

Anticipating rapid commercial and residential growth, the General Plan emphasized development in the downtown core area and enabled the building of major office and retail structures within specific boundaries. By keeping these business developments within certain areas, the ordinance prevented indiscriminate urban sprawl and allowed residential areas to remain

quiet and retain their essential character.

Walnut Creek's commitment to planned development continues today. Growth management issues continue to dominate political discussion, as commercial building, traffic, and regional development affect all areas of the county.

In recent years, new office complexes have emerged to provide ample space for businesses that have chosen to settle in Walnut Creek, for both its proximity to the Greater Bay Area and its broad array of amenities. Walnut Creek's rich history, excellent quality of life, commitment to the arts, and successful business climate all contribute to its role as the economic and cultural hub of the East Bay.

Facts & Figures

Location:	Twenty-three miles east of San Francisco and 430 miles north of Los Angeles
Incorporated area:	Approximately 19.1 square miles
Elevation:	134 feet above sea level
Climate:	Mild and sunny
Average high temperature:	73 degrees
Average low temperature:	44 degrees
Average yearly rainfall:	19 inches
Population:	64,710 (Source: California Dept. of Finance, 2000) 46% male 54% female
Ethnic diversity:	90.6% White 6.7% Asian 0.8% African American 1.9% Other
Form of Government:	Council/Manager; General Law City
Registered voters:	45,124 (as of February 1992)
Political Affiliations:	18,298 Republicans 17,940 Democrats 4,590 Non-partisan or declined to state
(Source: Registrar of Voters)	
Number of Households:	31,251 11,807 Single-family detached homes 4756 Single-family attached homes 14672 Multiples

Phone Numbers

Emergency911

Police, Fire or Medical

Arts Education classes..... 943.5846

Cable television

• AT&T Broadband.. 1.800.870.5140

Chamber of Commerce 934.2007

Contra Costa County

Child Care Council..... 676.5442

City Manager’s Office..... 943.5812

City of Walnut Creek 943.5800

Cultural Services

Administrative Offices 943.5848

Civic Arts

Education Complex 943.5846

Center Admin. Office 295.1400

Center Ticket Office..... 943.SHOW

Bedford Gallery 295.1417

Heather Farms

Reservation Line..... 256.3575

Youth & Family Services 256.3503

Fire Administration Offices .. 930.5500

Dept. of Motor Vehicles..... 935.4464

Garbage collection..... 603.1144

Newspapers:

Contra Costa Times..... 935.2525

Oakland Tribune 510.208.6300

S. F. Chronicle 800.281.2476

S. F. Examiner..... 866.733.7323

Pacific Gas & Electric 800.743.5000

Pacific Bell Telephone ... 800.310.2355

Police (non.emergency)..... 943.5844

Or..... 935.6400

Post Office

Walnut Creek Main 935.0256

Civic Park Community Center943.5853

Voter Registration,

City Clerk 943.5818

Water:

Contra Costa Water District .. 688.8000

East Bay M.U. D 820.6600

Seniors Club 943.5851

Transportation

Although increasing numbers of people who live in Walnut Creek are now working within central Contra Costa County, other area business centers and communities are easily accessible. Interstate highways branch in all directions from Walnut Creek.

Mileage from Walnut Creek to:	
Concord.....	7
Danville.....	7
Dublin.....	16
Hayward.....	27
Lafayette.....	5
Martinez.....	13
Napa.....	34
Oakland.....	16
Oakland Airport.....	18
Pleasant Hill.....	5
Richmond.....	22
Sacramento.....	72
San Francisco.....	23
SFO Airport.....	36
San Jose.....	44
San Rafael.....	32
San Ramon.....	10
Vallejo.....	20

By car, the city is just a short distance from the Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge, the East Bay connection to San Francisco. BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit), with stations in Walnut Creek and nearby Pleasant Hill, is a great way to beat the morning and evening highway commute. The County Connection bus system provides excellent connection service to BART stations. Rides For Bay Area Commuters offers Bay Area commuters information and assistance, plus match lists for carpools and

vanpools, all at no charge. For information call 1(800) 755-7665

The **Walnut Creek BART station** is centrally located at Ygnacio Valley Road and North California Boulevard. Direct service operates every day between Concord and San Francisco/Daly City, and between Fremont and Richmond. Soon, the Concord line will extend to Antioch in eastern Contra Costa. A complete guide, including arrival and departure times, fares and lengths of commute is available from BART at 676.2278.

The **County Connection**, central Contra Costa's bus system, connects Walnut Creek with Pleasant Hill, Martinez, Concord, Clayton, Moraga, Orinda, Lafayette, Alamo, Danville and San Ramon. Complete bus service runs twenty-eight routes every day of the week. Walnut Creek boasts a free downtown shuttle on a twenty minute schedule during peak commute and lunch hours. For a fare and schedule information call the County Connection at (510) 676-7500.

AIRPORTS:

General private aviation facilities are available at Buchanan Field in Concord. Oakland International Airport is 18 miles away and San Francisco International Airport is 36 miles away.

BUSES:

AC Transit provides bus service between Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

RAIL SERVICE:

Amtrak stations are available at Oakland and Martinez.

Things To Do

Parks and Open Space

In the early 1970's, Walnut Creek residents overwhelmingly voted to adopt an Open Space Bond Initiative which allowed the city to pursue the acquisition of public lands along the surrounding hills. Today, there are five major community parks, several neighborhood parks and "pocket parks" as well as twenty-six jogging, bicycle and equestrian trails throughout 2,800 acres of permanent open space.

Museums and Other Fun Places

The Lindsay Museum

Telephone: (510) 935.1978
Administration..... 935.1983
Wildlife Information 935.1988
Hours:
Wednesday - Sunday 1-5 p.m. winter
Wednesday - Sunday 11-5 p.m. summer
Admission:
\$5 Adults; \$4 Seniors, \$3 Children

Any visit to the Lindsay Museum in Larkey Park is inspirational. Since 1956, the non-profit museum has educated and entertained Walnut Creek residents and visitors. Its Wildlife Rehabilitation Department cares for injured and orphaned wild animals, and it is not unusual to watch a museum attendant spray a red tailed hawk and a barn owl with water to keep them cool on a hot summer day.

Recently, the Lindsay Museum moved into a new facility with an expanded exhibit hall, a state-of-the-art wildlife hospital, a community hall, and classrooms. The museum welcomes inquiries about its programs and membership.

Shadelands Ranch Historical Museum

Telephone: (510) 935.7871
Hours:
Wednesday & Thursday 11:30 - 4 p.m.,
Sunday 1 - 4 p.m.
Admission: \$2.00 adults
\$1.00 Seniors (60+), 12 and under free

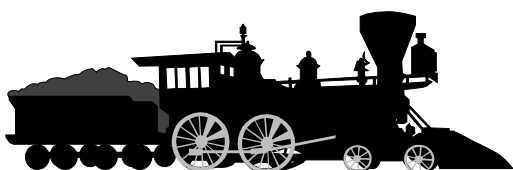
This 1902 Colonial Revival style ranch house offers a glimpse of life at the turn of the century in Walnut Creek. Hiram Penniman, who laid out the first town site in 1856, built this house for his wife and himself. Original furnishings are on display, and the History Room Archive houses records, photos, maps, and other memorabilia documenting the history of Walnut Creek. Each year, the Historical Society hosts antique fairs on the grounds, and a very special Victorian Faire in December features handmade decorations, crafts, and foods.

Old Borges Ranch

Center of Shellridge Recreation Area
1035 Castle Rock Road
Telephone: 934.6990
Hours:
Open Space:
Open daily 8 a.m. to dusk
Visitor center:
Saturdays 1 - 4

1st Sunday of each month 12 - 4
Admission is free

This unique facility in the Shell Ridge Open Space gives visitors an idea of early settler living, as well as opportunities to learn about the environment. The new Visitor Center features historical exhibits in the original Borges family home. An environmental/living program for school-aged children and college and civic groups offers hands-on ranching experience.



Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society

Telephone: 937.1888

Hours:

Last Friday of the month, 8-10 p.m.

Third Sunday of the month, 1-5 p.m.

Admission: \$2.00 adults

\$1.00 Seniors and children 6-12 years

For antique and model train lovers, the Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society's Diablo Valley Lines is a dream come true. This permanent 1,800 square foot, HO scale model train layout has more than 4,300 feet of track, on over 175,000 individual ties and more than 340 turnouts.

Heather Farms Garden Center

Telephone: 947.1679

Admission is free

This site of extensive demonstration gardens teaches gardening techniques in a Zone 14 climate. Classes include flower arranging and gardening of winter perennials, herbs, bonsai and chrysanthemums. Seven hundred individual members and forty-three participating garden clubs support the center,

which has a large reception hall, a gazebo, a patio and a classroom.

Sugarloaf Open Space

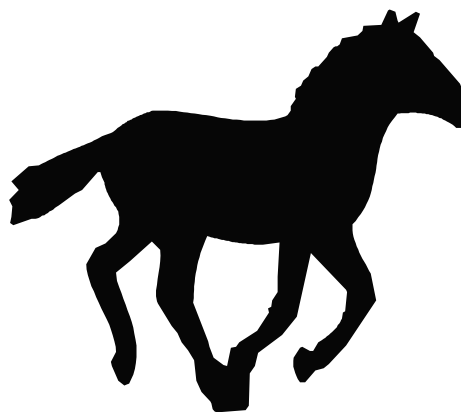
Telephone: (510) 944.5766

Hours:

Open daily during daylight hours

Admission is free

This 177 acre bank of open space in the southern portion of Walnut Creek has spectacular views, nearly three miles of scenic trails, and one of the few remaining walnut orchards in the area. There are picnic areas and restroom facilities, as well as facilities for the handicapped.



Walnut Creek Equestrian Center

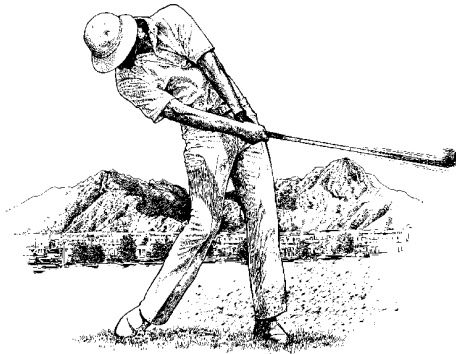
Horse lovers of all ages will enjoy a visit to this center, a six-acre riding and training facility. Although the city owns it, the facility is operated privately. The center has two rings: a 150' by 300' Olympic size ring available only to members, and a 50' by 75' ring which is open to the public. Admission is free.

Recreation

Each quarter, every Walnut Creek resident receives the magazine, *City Scene* which lists all course offerings, recreational programs, and social events that the city offers through its Leisure Services and Cultural Services programs. The programs are for all age groups, and each offers courses, outings, and activities throughout the year held at city parks and other recreational facilities.

Both the Community Center in Civic Park and the extensive facilities at Heather Farms offer classes

and athletic programs to residents and visitors. The Clark Memorial Swim Center (which has been the training site for a number of Olympians) in Heather Park is open all year. Golfers have a choice between the Walnut Creek Municipal Golf Course at Boundary Oaks and the privately owned Diablo Hills Golf Course. Walnut Creek Leisure Services operates a year-round Seniors' program which offers such activities as dancing, arts and crafts, exercise, and games. These programs are generally at the Civic Park Community Center.



For information about specific programs call:

Civic Park Community Center -
943.5853

Walnut Creek Seniors Club -
943.5851

PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Boundary Oaks Golf Course:
943.6211

Eighteen hole municipal golf course with lighted driving range.

Diablo Hills Golf Course:
939.7372

Nine hole public golf course

Heather Farms Community Center:
943.5858

Walnut Creek Leisure Services:
943.5858

Contra Costa Jewish Community Center:
938.7800
Swimming, child care, classes and day camp

Rossmoor - Walnut Creek: 933.2607
Nine and eighteen hole golf courses, tennis courts

Club Sport Valley Vista: 934.4050
Tennis and swimming

Food, Lodging And Entertainment

DINING

Walnut Creek has a splendid choice of fine restaurants. In addition to traditional American fare, French, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Mexican, Indian and continental cuisine are all available. There are sidewalk cafes for dining *al fresco* or luxurious restaurants for elegant evenings. Many pizzerias, fast food restaurants, yogurt shops, sandwich shops and delicatessens are scattered throughout the city. Gourmet coffee and pastry shops offer pleasant diversion from business or shopping.

ENTERTAINMENT

Walnut Creek boasts a multi-theater movie complex, the Leshler Regional Center for the Arts, and restaurant/bars for live music and dancing. Each year Heather Farm Park hosts two major events: The Chamber of Commerce Art and Wine Festival on the first weekend in June, and the Walnut Festival in September.

Though San Francisco is only a short distance away by BART or car, many Walnut Creek residents find all the enter-

tainment and dining choices they want only a few minutes from their door.

LESHER REGIONAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The 1990 opening of the 72,000 square foot Regional Center for the Arts in downtown Walnut Creek established the city as the center for the arts in Contra Costa County. The arts programs and events that are held here reach more than 250,000 people each year. Drama, dance, concerts, a dozen professional art exhibitions, nearly 500 fine and performing art classes and workshops and dozens of art programs for the local schools reinforce the importance of the arts in the community.



The magnificent theater and gallery complex in the Regional Center for the Arts has become a county landmark. The Center's award-winning design includes three theaters: The eight-hundred seat Hofmann

Theater and the three-hundred seat Leshler Theater are now open, while the 150 seat theater for experimental productions is scheduled to open soon.

The Center also includes the Bedford Gallery for both contemporary and traditional art exhibits.

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Regional center for the Arts
943.SHOW

Civic Arts Education Program
943.5846

Cultural Services Administration
943.5848

Bedford Gallery
295.1417

LODGING

Because of its location and exceptional shopping, Walnut Creek has become a favorite stopping point for visitors on their way to other destinations. Visitors have a choice of several hotels and motels and a deluxe bed and breakfast inn.

The Mansion at Lakewood
(bed & breakfast)
945.3600

Marriott Hotel
934.2000

Diablo Mountain Inn
937.5050

Embassy Suites Hotel
934.2500

Holiday Inn
of Walnut Creek
932.3332

Walnut Creek
Motor Lodge
932.2811

Walnut Creek
Villa Inn
934.1700

EDUCATION

Many families locate in Walnut Creek because its school system has earned one of the finest reputations in the state. Walnut Creek students consistently achieve scores of 90 percent or above in the State Testing Assessment rankings. The city has three public school districts. In the Ygnacio Valley area, the Mt. Diablo School District includes Northgate High School, Foothill Intermediate School and three elementary schools. In the central area, the Walnut Creek School District encompasses Walnut Creek Intermediate School and five elementary schools. In the downtown area, Acalanes Union High School District operates Las Lomas High School. Several private schools in the city offer excellent programs from preschool through twelfth grade.



Average class size K-6:29
 Average number of students in an elementary school:400
 Average number of students in an intermediate school:.....960

**Mt. Diablo Unified School District
 682.8000**

Bancroft Elementary.....933.3405
 2200 Parish Drive

Valle Verde Elementary939.5700
 3275 Peachwillow Lane

Walnut Acres Elementary939.1333
 180 Cerezo Drive

Foothill Middle School939.8600
 2775 Cedro Lane

Northgate High School.....938.0900
 425 Castle Road

**Walnut Creek School District
 944.6850**

Buena Vista Elementary.....944.6822
 2355 San Juan Avenue

Indian Valley Elementary.....944.6828
 551 Marshall Drive

Murwood Elementary.....943.2462
 2050 Vanderslice Avenue

Parkmead Elementary.....944.6858
 1920 Magnolia Way

Walnut Heights Elementary ..944.6834
 4064 Walnut Boulevard

Walnut Creek Intermediate ...944.6840
 2425 Walnut Boulevard

**Acalanes Union High School District
 935.2800**

Las Lomas High School935.4110
 1460 South Main Street

Del Oro High School.....939.9650
 1963 Tice Valley Boulevard

Acalanes Adult Center935.0170
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PLACES OF WORSHIP

Baptist

American Baptist Community
935.3250
First Baptist of Walnut Creek
934.2139
Ygnacio Valley Baptist
939.2333

Christian Science

First Church of Christian Science
934.4527

Episcopal

St. Luke's 937.4820
St. Paul's 934.2324

Jewish

B'nai Shalom..... 934.9446
B'nai Tikvah..... 933.5397

Latter Day Saints

Walnut Creek California Stake
933.8525
Walnut Creek East Stake.... 932.9720

Reorganized Latter Day Saints

Reorganized Latter Day Saints Church
939.3595

Lutheran

Hope Lutheran..... 937.1518
St. Luke's Lutheran 935.0160
St. Matthew's Lutheran 932.1955
Trinity Lutheran..... 935.3360

Methodist

Walnut Avenue United Methodist
933.0888
Tice Valley United Methodists
937.4535
Walnut Creek Methodist 934.4208

Roman Catholic

St. Anne's..... 932.2324
St. John Vianney's..... 939.7911
St. Mary's 934.2544
St. Stephen's..... 939.3826

United Presbyterian

Grace Presbyterian..... 935.2100
Walnut Creek Presbyterian. 935.1574

Other Denominations

Christian Reformed 934.2099
Church of Christ 825.7810
Northcreek Church 210.9036
Evangelical Friends 935.7530
Hillside Covenant..... 934.1110
Unity Center
of Walnut Creek 937.2191

Service Organizations

Acalanes Adult Education..... 935.0170
 Assistance League
 of Diablo Valley 934.0901
 Barbershop Men's Chorus938.SONG
 Chamber of Commerce 934.2007
 Diablo Regional
 Arts Association 932.1731
 Diablo Singles Dance Club 820.4299
 Diablo Valley Stamp Club 947.0539
 Equestrian Association..... 939.2929
 4-H Club Information..... 646.6543
 Heather Farm Garden Center
 Association, Inc. 947.1678
 Howe Homestead Park 930.7731
 Walnut Creek Model
 Railroad Society 937.1888
 Mt. Diablo Dog Training..... 253.1859
 Old Borges Ranch 943.5860
 Shadelands Museum..... 935.7871
 Sweet Adelines Int..... 687.0520

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Adult Softball, Inc. 943.1955
 Walnut Creek Aquabears 939.5990
 Walnut Creek Aquanuts 934.4792
 Walnut Creek Chess Club 939.7937
 Walnut Creek Concert Band .. 284.1583
 Walnut Creek Little League ... 806.8242
 Boundary Oaks Golf Course .. 934.6211
 Walnut Creek Soccer Club..... 930.0210
 Walnut Creek Tennis..... 945.0105
 Walnut Creek
 Youth Athletic Association .. 933.4884
 Walnut Festival Association... 935.6766
 Walnut Whirlers Folk Dance.. 228.8598
 Heather Farms Park
 Swim Center 943.5856
 Walnut Creek
 Youth Organizations 806.8242

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