

Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail for Educators



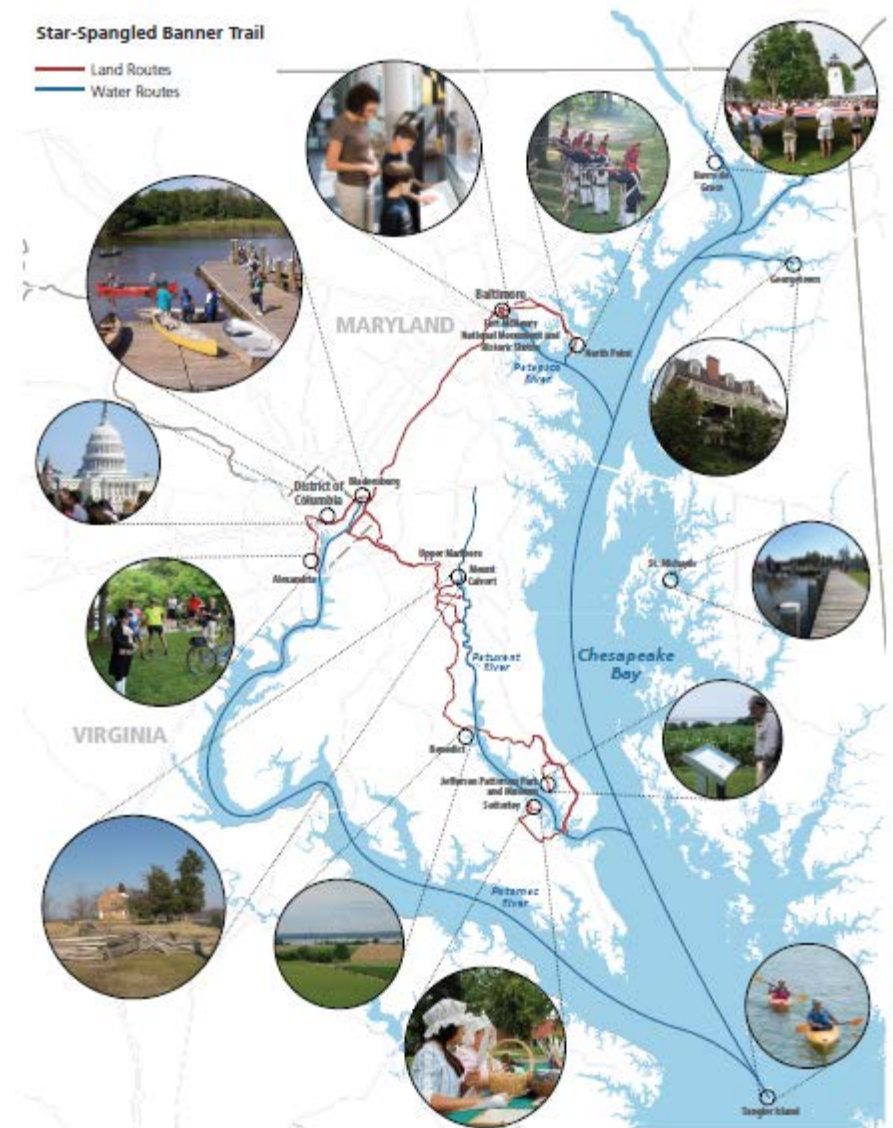
The War of 1812

- In the War of 1812, the United States took on the greatest naval power in the world, Great Britain, in a conflict that would have an immense impact on the young country's future.
- Causes of the war included British attempts to restrict U.S. trade, the Royal Navy's impressment of American seamen and America's desire to expand its territory.

The War of 1812 offers a chance to understand just how much local events can impact history on a national, and even global, level.

While the war was fought on several fronts, including Canada and in the South, the Chesapeake Campaign offered some of the most meaningful and exciting confrontations of the war, changing the course of this nation.

Just look at the number of historic events that occurred throughout the Chesapeake region, each celebrating a bicentennial this school year.



The Chesapeake Campaign (1813-1814)

The British brought war to the Chesapeake region in 1813 and 1814.

The Campaign of 1814 was a significant period because the British occupied our nation's capital after the American defeat at the Battle of Bladensburg, but were repulsed during the Battle for Baltimore.

The events of the campaign are significant to American history because of their pivotal effect on the outcome of the War of 1812 and their effect on far-reaching aspects of the nation's identity.

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Begin Your Adventure

Discover the war of 1812 on the star-spangled scenic national historic trail—a path tracing battle movements through historic places, inspiring landscapes, charming waterfront towns, and sea views of the Chesapeake Bay region.

The trail offers many ways to experience the drama of the war and the stories of its people: follow the march on Washington with a driving tour of southern Maryland, or paddle the waters where armies battled on the field; explore actual sites from the war; or take a drive to the site of the battle. Note that the flag is not waving, and the original star-spangled banner at the White House is not waving.

Combine your history quest with outdoor fun for the whole family: take time to park, explore trails, or take a fishing trip. Visit a historic site or take a walk to the water. You can also enjoy your trip in a variety of ways: by car, by foot, by bike, or by boat. Make your journey by car or by foot, on bike or on foot, across an open trail. The trail is a great way to discover the war of 1812 and a host of outdoor adventures along the way.

Go back to school your adventures on Virginia war of 1812. Go back to school your adventures on Virginia war of 1812.

Get Ready, Get Set, Go!

Get ready to read in real life without observing the war of 1812 on the Chesapeake. Visit the capital, Baltimore and other historic sites, including a trail section for the region (see below).

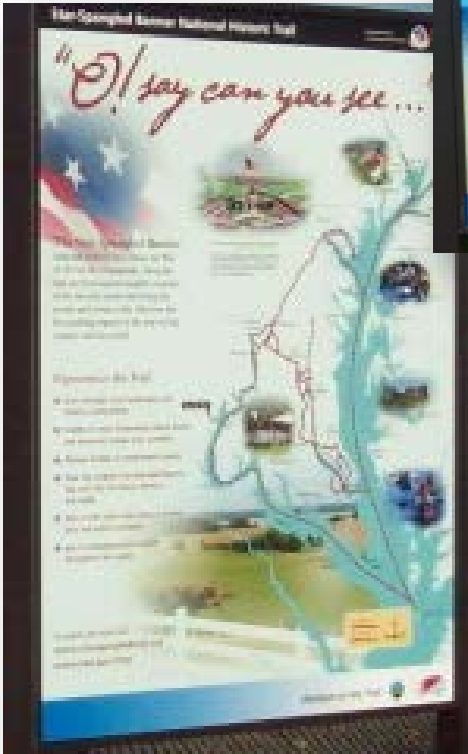
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The **Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail** is a 120-mile land route signed and marked from south to north that tells the story of the War of 1812 in the Chesapeake Bay region. It connects historic sites and commemorates the events leading up to the Battle for Baltimore.

The trail traces troop movements, introduces visitors to communities affected by the war, and highlights the Chesapeake region's distinctive landscapes and waterways.

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Most Americans are aware of The Battle of Baltimore and the Bombardment of Fort McHenry that led to the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner.

The bicentennial of the Battle of Baltimore takes place September 10-16 with the Star-Spangled Spectacular, a 7-day free festival that celebrates the 200th birthday of our national anthem. Tall ships, Navy gray hulls and the Blue Angels will come to Baltimore's famed Inner Harbor to celebrate The Star-Spangled Banner and its place in American history.



But there is also a portion of Baltimore County that was integral to the defense of Baltimore and helped defeat the British advance on Baltimore and its fort.

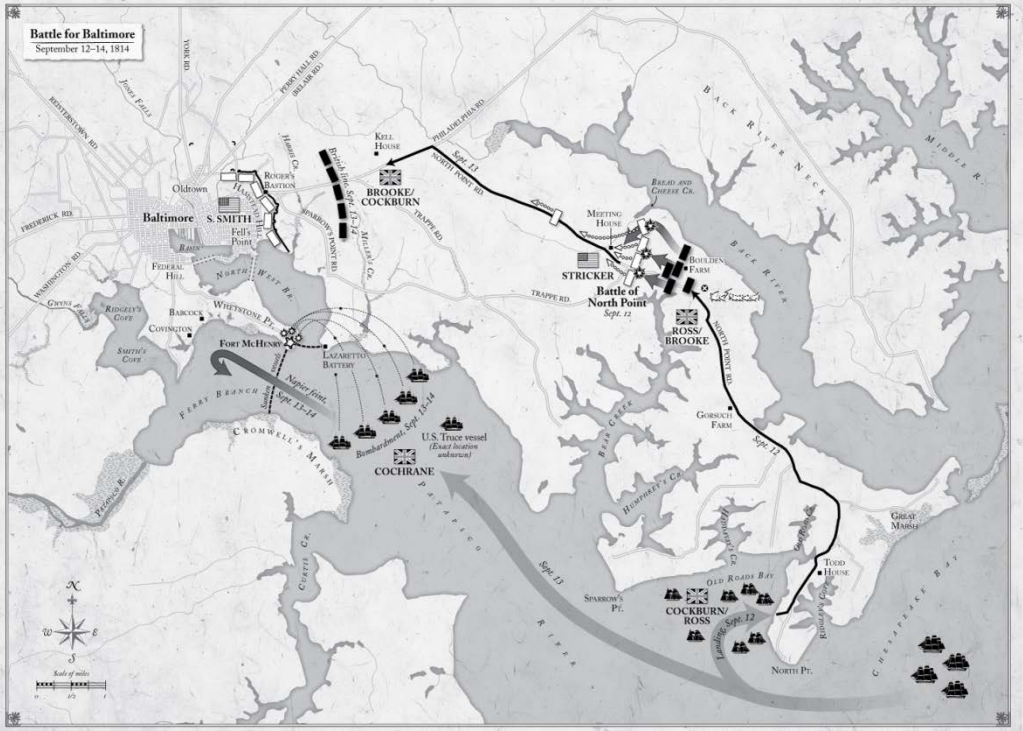


The BATTLE OF NORTH POINT

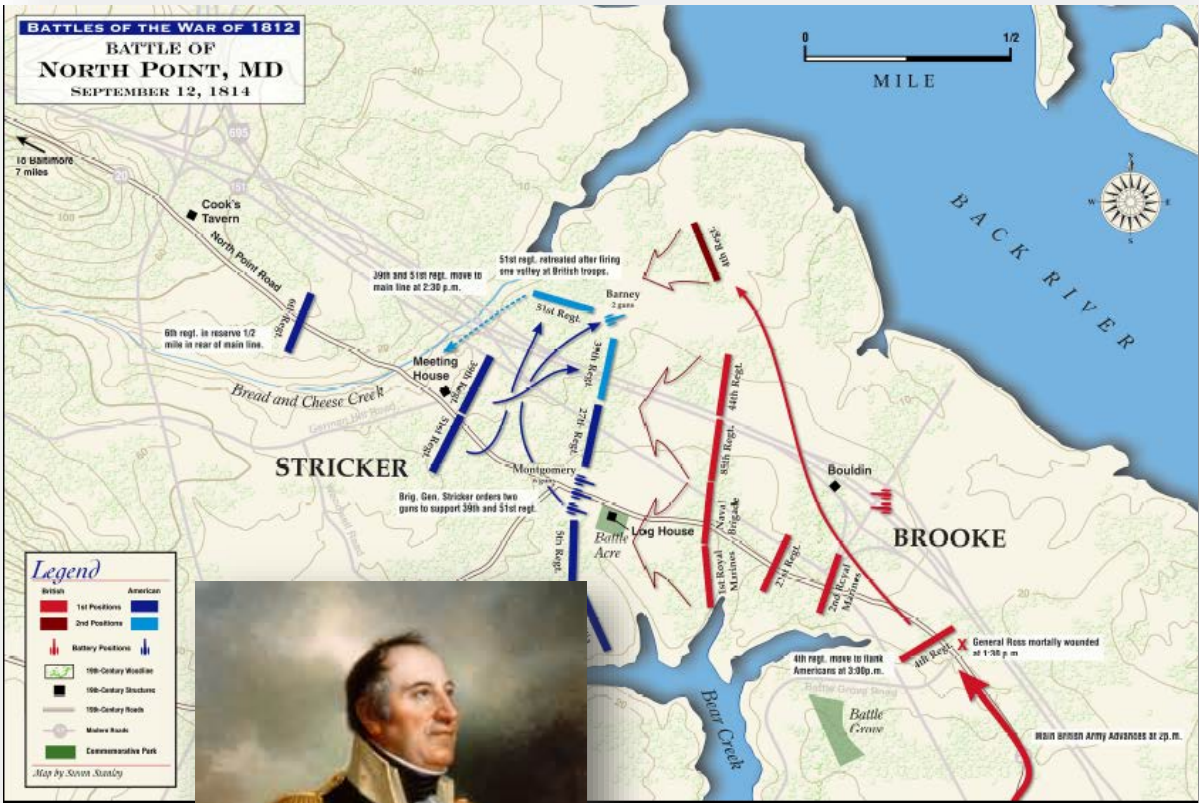
The **Battle of North Point** was fought on September 12, 1814, between General John Stricker's Maryland Militia and a British force led by Major General Robert Ross.

An American militia force was able to inflict significant casualties on the British, killing General Ross, significantly demoralizing the troops under his command and leaving some of his units lost among woods and swampy creeks, with others in confusion.

This combination prompted the British to delay their advance against Baltimore, buying valuable time to properly prepare for the defense of the city.



The Battle of North Point
and the Battle of Baltimore
took place in familiar areas
of the County and provide
familiar names like
Nathan Towson and
John Stricker.



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"When little more than hundred paces divided the one line from the other, both parties made ready to bring matters more decidedly in a personal struggle."

— British Lieutenant George Robert Glegg describing the Battle of North Point, September 12, 1814

Back River (foreground), Bread and Cheese Creek (right), and Bear Creek (far left) formed the narrow Patapsco Neck where the Battle of North Point occurred.


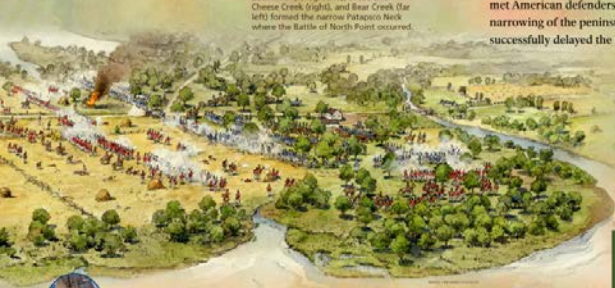
Delay Tactic


In preparation for a probable British landing at North Point, defensive earthworks were partially dug at a narrows in the Patapsco Peninsula three miles south of here. Midway between North Point and the American defenses at Baltimore, British forces met American defenders on this battlefield at a strategic second narrowing of the peninsula, September 12, 1814. The action successfully delayed the British advance towards the city.

Artist Thomas Runkle, who painted scenes of the Battle for Baltimore, saw the action first-hand as part of the 5th Maryland Regiment.

Rear Guard

Maryland's 5th Regiment of militia, bolstered by battle experience at Bladensburg, anchored the American right flank during the Battle of North Point. The last unit to leave the battlefield, the 5th protected the rear as the Americans withdrew.





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Chesapeake Explorer App

- Look for Chesapeake Explorer NPS for iPhone and Droid platforms
- search by trail, activity, site type, geo-location
- customizable tours
- tag *Favorites*



In Full Glory Reflected: Adventures along the Star-Spangled Banner Trail

- history and travel guide
- directs visitors to places to visit in each trail region
- A copy will be delivered to each school media center next week



Fold-out Pocket Guide

- map on reverse side
- available at trail sites and visitor centers
- highlights from the history and travel guide



New NPS.GOV Education Webportal

- Top “For Teachers” tab will offer a keyword search of all related NPS education materials nationwide



Online 1812 Resource Center

- Web-based War of 1812 portal for teachers and kids in the classroom and at home

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Wonder of the Day: Who Wrote the National Anthem?

This video clip from Wonderopolis explores the person behind America's most patriotic song.

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Interactives

The War of 1812: Interactive Battlefield Maps

This set of four interactive battlefield maps explores the action at each battle, and includes battle topics and map extras.

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Interactives

Explore the Anthem

This engaging tool explores the four verses of "The Star Spangled Banner."

Grades: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 [learn more >>](#)



Interactives

Explore 'The Star-Spangled Banner'

This online puzzle tool takes a closer look at the history of the famous flag.

Grades: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 [learn more >>](#)



Interactives

The Gallery

Share your own 1812 inspirations by posting images to this collaborative site.

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Map

Explore the War of 1812 map. Choose the Map Timeline Presentation for a narrated summary of historical events or click on individual map points to read in-depth information about how the war unfolded across the country.

[learn more >>](#)



Slideshow

Explore historical artwork to uncover clues about the War of 1812. The slideshow features British and American artwork, including a political cartoon of the defeat of the U.S. frigate *Chesapeake*. Find out how to analyze primary source images to learn more about the past.

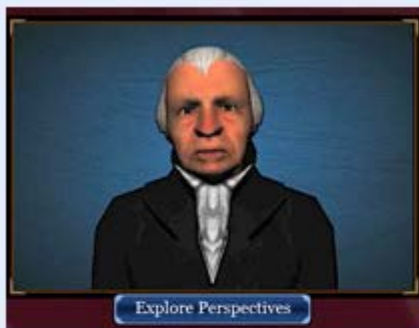
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Hold the Fort Game

Hold the Fort is a game of survival, strategy and nerve in the War of 1812! Players will help decide the fate of Baltimore – and perhaps the United States.

[learn more >>](#)



Cast Your Vote Game

Cast Your Vote is an interactive online game that allows the player to "vote" for or against declaring war on Great Britain. Cast your vote now!

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Educator Tools

Classrooms can use Thinkport's My Timeline and Create Your Own Museum tools to build online features that use primary source images and historical information.

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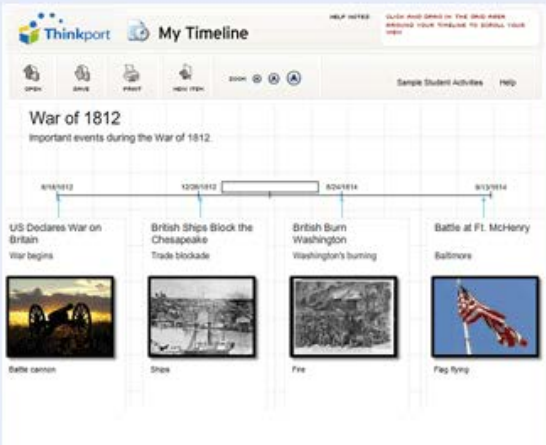
Create Your Own Museum

Visit [Thinkport's Create Your Own Museum](#) activity to design your own museum exhibit to share images and information about the War or 1812. You can create one room or a whole set of collections to showcase what interests you. Follow the directions to help you choose a room, upload images and label those images to create a museum-worthy exhibit.

Activity Idea: Flag Museum

After learning about the Star-Spangled Banner, have your students work in groups to design their own flags. Upload photos of your new class

flags, and display them in a room in the Museum Builder!




My Timeline

Go to [Thinkport's My Timeline](#) and show what you know by building a timeline of events for the War of 1812. This builder will help you construct a timeline from beginning to end by adding events, descriptions and images that help bring content alive.



Activity Idea: Baltimore Timeline

Use the timeline builder to show the timeline of events that took place in and around Baltimore during the War of 1812. Upload your own pictures of historically important locations around your area.

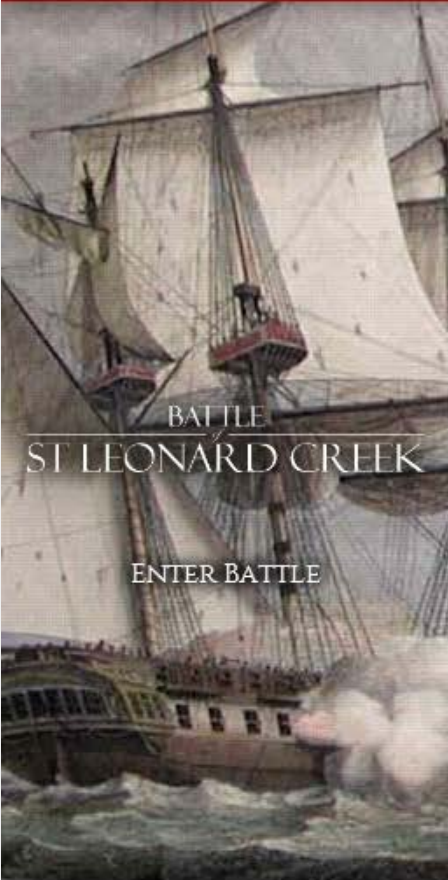


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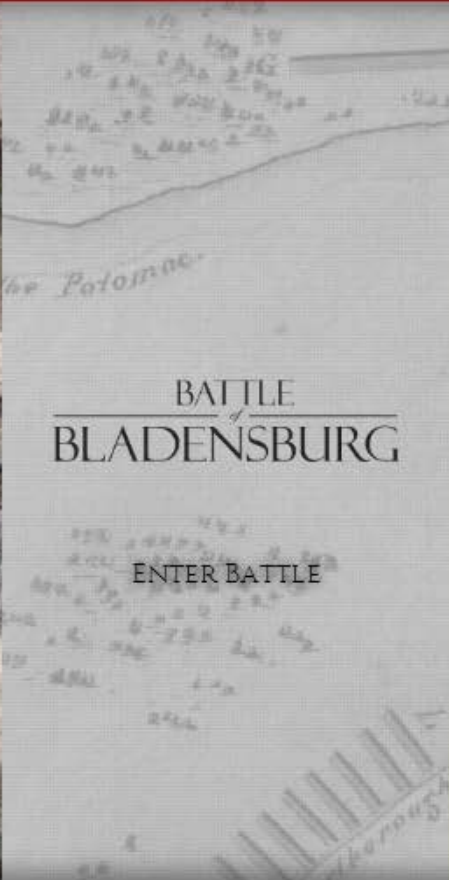
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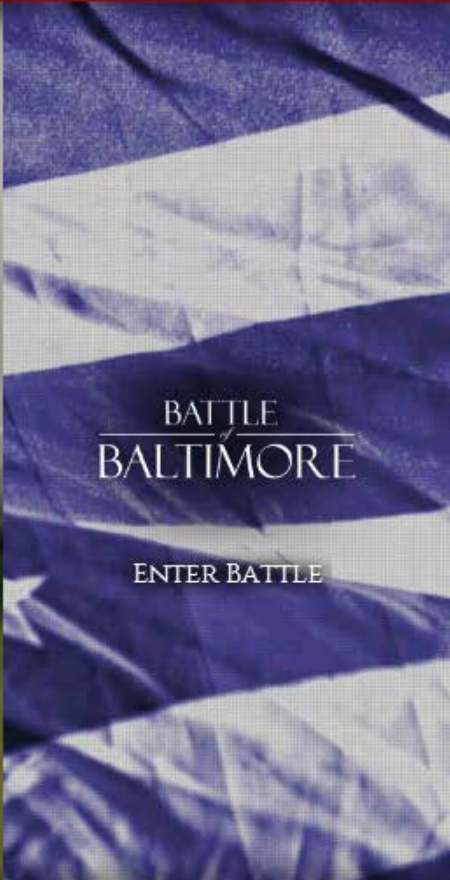
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