

**Caution! Lake Robinson Dam**  
This large dam poses significant hazards to paddlers. Avoid the dam entirely. Portage is not available.

**Lyman Lake Lodge**  
100 Lyman Lodge Rd, Lyman, SC 29365  
Provided by SJWD this park is open sunrise to sunset and has two boat ramps, fishing pier, restrooms, and a large lodge available for rent. Swimming in the lake is not permitted. Permits for boating are required and can be obtained from the SJWD customer service department M-F 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. For more information, visit [www.SJWD.com/recreation/about-our-lakes](http://www.SJWD.com/recreation/about-our-lakes).

**River Place Park**  
170 Groce Rd, Lyman, SC 29365  
Open sunrise to sunset. Parking is located at the Middle Tyger Library. A short 0.3-mile walking trail is also on site. River access not available at this time as there is no portage around the downstream dam.

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**J Verne Smith Park**  
2544 Mays Bridge Road, Greer, SC 29651  
Provided by Greer CPW, this park features boat docks and ramp, a fishing pier, covered picnic shelters, and restroom facilities. No swimming is allowed in Lake Robinson. Permits are required for all boaters (\$5 fee for non-motorized boats) and fishermen which can be obtained from the onsite Warden's Office. For more information, visit [www.GreerCPW.com/lakes-recreation](http://www.GreerCPW.com/lakes-recreation).

**Caution! Lake Cunningham Dam**  
This large dam poses significant hazards to paddlers. Avoid the dam entirely. Portage is not available.

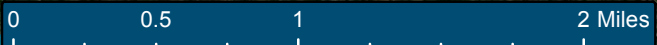
**Caution! Lake Apalache Dam**  
This large dam poses significant hazards to paddlers. Avoid the dam entirely. Portage is not available. Lake accessible to residents only.

**Lake Cunningham Recreation Area**  
2844 N. McElhane Rd, Greer, SC 29651  
Provided by Greer CPW, this park is open sunrise to sunset with amenities for fishing, kayaking, canoeing, and small boats with less than 10HP are allowed. Swimming is not allowed. Daily fee of \$5 to use the lake, or \$30/year for non-motorized boats, which can be obtained from the onsite Warden's Office. For more information, visit: [www.GreerCPW.com/lakes-recreation](http://www.GreerCPW.com/lakes-recreation).

**Cooley Family Landing**  
590 S Spencer St, Duncan, SC 29334  
Located upstream river left, this access has a gravel parking area and kayak/canoe launch. Open sunrise to sunset, no overnight parking. Tubes are not advised. Owned by the Tiger River Foundation. For more information, visit [www.tygeriver.org](http://www.tygeriver.org).

**Beech Springs Landing**  
481 S Danzler Rd, Duncan, SC 29334  
Located downstream river left, this access has a gravel parking area and kayak/canoe launch. Open sunrise to sunset, no overnight parking. Tubes are not advised. Owned by the Tiger River Foundation. For more information, visit [www.tygeriver.org](http://www.tygeriver.org).

Visit [www.upstateforever.org/blueway-mapping](http://www.upstateforever.org/blueway-mapping) for the Enoree River blueway map.



**The Tiger River Blueway**  
MAP #1  
A Map and Guide to the Tiger River Scenic Corridor  
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**Welcome to the Tiger River Blueway**

The Tiger River Blueway provides over 150 miles of paddling opportunities for both beginners and experts alike. Because the Tiger River Blueway encompasses such a large geography, the blueway was split between two maps; Map #1 follows the blueway from the Lake Robinson/Cunningham/Lyman reservoirs in Greenville and Spartanburg Counties along the North, Middle, and South Tyger Rivers to the Nesbitt Shoals Nature Park on the main stem of the Tiger River. Map #2 displays the entirety of the main stem of the Tiger River from Nesbitt Shoals Nature Park to the river's confluence with the Broad River nearly 50 miles downstream. With major nearby interstates and highways including Interstates 85 and 26, Highways 29, 221, 176, and 121, the Tiger River Blueway is easily accessible.

The Tiger River Blueway is a unique system with both urban and rural recreation opportunities, as well as water experiences spanning from flat water and reservoir paddling to exciting whitewater. Dense wooded areas flourishing with pines, cedars, hemlocks, birch, oaks, and elms border much of the Tiger River. The diverse plant life even includes the rare plant species *Rhododendron esmanii* (Santee azalea). The land surrounding the Tiger River is rich in history, with historic landmarks such as the Anderson Mill, Price House, and Walnut Grove Plantation, as well as a variety of parks and walking trails including the newly opened Nesbitt Shoals Park, Rose Hill State Park, and the Enoree Passage of the Palmetto Trail.

A mere ten years ago, such recreational opportunities would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the Tiger River Foundation, Middle Tyger Area Council, Spartanburg County Parks, and the Startex-Jackson-Duncan-Wellford Water District (SJWD). Through their efforts to promote and restore the Tiger River Basin for public use and enjoyment, the Tiger River has been transformed into an asset for both water and land recreation, providing new and exciting recreation opportunities to residents and visitors. The Tiger River Blueway is a fantastic treasure, featuring the most public access of any river in the Upstate. Learn how you can protect this and other hometown rivers by visiting [www.UpstateForever.org](http://www.UpstateForever.org). This and other blueway maps from across South Carolina are available at [www.GoPaddleSC.com](http://www.GoPaddleSC.com).

**Planning and Safety**

- 1) Review the map carefully.
- 2) Plan your start and end points according to your skill level.
- 3) Check current river conditions before paddling. A flooded river can be dangerous, and a low river may expose logs, rocks, or other debris, slowing your trip down significantly.
- 4) Always wear a life jacket with a whistle.
- 5) Avoid boating alone. Let someone know your plan and when to expect you to return.
- 6) Minimize your impact on the river by properly disposing of waste, respecting wildlife, and leaving what you find.
- 7) Do not trespass on private property. Stay in the river until your take-out.
- 8) If you fall out in a rapid, assume the whitewater "swimming" position - with your feet up and pointing downstream (like you're in a recliner) until you reach flatwater and can get back in your boat.
- 9) Roadside river accesses with listed addresses are approximate locations of bridges and should not direct you to private homes. Please do not access the river on private property.

**Suggested Trips**

<b>NORTH/MIDDLE/SOUTH TYGER RIVERS</b> Lake-Like Paddling* (use accesses as put in AND take out). -J Verne Smith Park -Lake Cunningham Recreation Area -Lyman Lake Lodge -Lake Cooley Park -Tygerberry Landing Trip Level: <b>Easy</b> Trip Duration: 1-2 hours <small>*Paddle upstream first for an easier return, with the current!</small>	<b>SOUTH TYGER RIVER</b> Cooley Family Landing to Beech Springs Landing Trip Length: 1.5 miles Trip Level: <b>Easy</b> Trip Duration: 1-1.5 hours	<b>SOUTH TYGER RIVER</b> Beech Springs Landing to Tygerberry Landing Trip Length: 4.2 miles Trip Level: <b>Moderate</b> Trip Duration: 2-2.5 hours
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**River Rapids Classifications**

**Class I Rapids: Easy**  
Fast-moving water with riffles and small waves. Little or no prior paddling experience necessary.

**Class II Rapids: Moderate**  
Straightforward rapids with wide, clear channels. Some prior paddling experience is suggested.

**Class III Rapids: Difficult**  
Moderate, irregular waves which may be difficult to maneuver. Prior experience required.

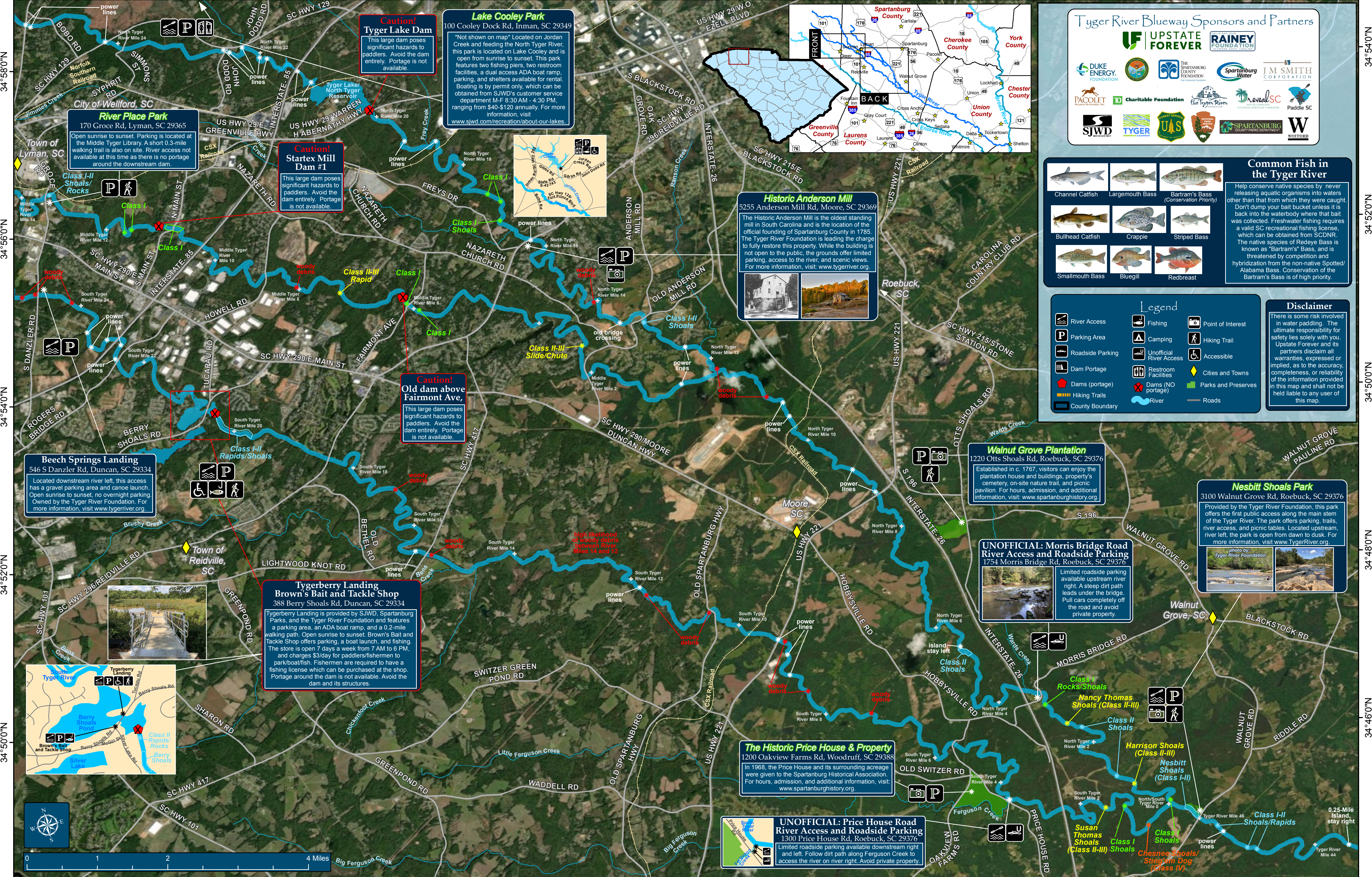
**Class IV Rapids and Above: Advanced**  
Intense, powerful, or extremely long rapids requiring precise boat handling in turbulent water. Drops may contain large, unmovable waves and holes or constricted passages. Extensive experience is essential.

**River Levels**

Adequate river flow is essential to paddling. If levels are too low or too high, paddling may not be possible. Please check the following stream gauges for real-time information to determine if flow levels are suitable for paddling. Flow is measured either in cubic feet per second (volume) or feet (height of river).

USGS Site No. 02157510 Middle Tyger near Lyman, SC River Mile 14 (front of map) Ideal Conditions: 170-1000 cfs		<a href="http://www.upstateforever.org/in-tyger">www.upstateforever.org/in-tyger</a>
USGS Site No. 02160105 Tyger River near Delta, SC River Mile 10 (back of map) Ideal Conditions: 3.6-8 feet		<a href="http://www.upstateforever.org/is-tyger">www.upstateforever.org/is-tyger</a>





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**Tyger Lake Dam**  
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**Lake Cooley Park**  
100 Cooley Dock Rd, Inman, SC 29349  
\*Not shown on map\* Located on Jordan Creek and feeding the North Tyger River, this park is located on Lake Cooley and is open from sunrise to sunset. This park features two fishing piers, two restroom facilities, a dual access ADA boat ramp, parking, and shelters available for rental. Boating is by permit only, which can be obtained from SJWD's customer service department M-F 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, ranging from \$40-\$120 annually. For more information, visit [www.sjwd.com/recreation/about-our-lakes](http://www.sjwd.com/recreation/about-our-lakes).

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**Startex Mill Dam #1**  
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**Historic Anderson Mill**  
5255 Anderson Mill Rd, Moore, SC 29369  
The Historic Anderson Mill is the oldest standing mill in South Carolina and is the location of the official founding of Spartanburg County in 1785. The Tyger River Foundation is leading the charge to fully restore this property. While the building is not open to the public, the grounds offer limited parking, access to the river, and scenic views. For more information, visit: [www.tygeriver.org](http://www.tygeriver.org).

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**Old dam above Fairmont Ave.**  
This large dam poses significant hazards to paddlers. Avoid the dam entirely. Portage is not available.

**Beech Springs Landing**  
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**Tygerberry Landing**  
**Brown's Bait and Tackle Shop**  
388 Berry Shoals Rd, Duncan, SC 29334  
Tygerberry Landing is provided by SJWD, Spartanburg Parks, and the Tyger River Foundation and features a parking area, an ADA boat ramp, and a 0.2-mile walking path. Open sunrise to sunset. Brown's Bait and Tackle Shop offers parking, a boat launch, and fishing. The store is open 7 days a week from 7 AM to 6 PM, and charges \$3/day for paddlers/fishermen to park/boat/fish. Fishermen are required to have a fishing license which can be purchased at the shop. Portage around the dam is not available. Avoid the dam and its structures.

**Walnut Grove Plantation**  
1220 Otts Shoals Rd, Roebuck, SC 29376  
Established in c. 1767, visitors can enjoy the plantation house and buildings, property's cemetery, on-site nature trail, and picnic pavilion. For hours, admission, and additional information, visit: [www.spartanburghistory.org](http://www.spartanburghistory.org).

**UNOFFICIAL: Morris Bridge Road River Access and Roadside Parking**  
1754 Morris Bridge Rd, Roebuck, SC 29376  
Limited roadside parking available upstream river right. A steep dirt path leads under the bridge. Pull cars completely off the road and avoid private property.

**Nesbitt Shoals Park**  
3100 Walnut Grove Rd, Roebuck, SC 29376  
Provided by the Tyger River Foundation, this park offers the first public access along the main stem of the Tyger River. The park offers parking, trails, river access, and picnic tables. Located upstream, river left, the park is open from dawn to dusk. For more information, visit [www.tygerriver.org](http://www.tygerriver.org).

**The Historic Price House & Property**  
1200 Oakview Farms Rd, Woodruff, SC 29388  
In 1988, the Price House and its surrounding acreage were given to the Spartanburg Historical Association. For hours, admission and additional information, visit: [www.spartanburghistory.org](http://www.spartanburghistory.org).

**UNOFFICIAL: Price House Road River Access and Roadside Parking**  
1300 Price House Rd, Roebuck, SC 29376  
Limited roadside parking available downstream right and left. Follow dirt path along Ferguson Creek to access the river on river right. Avoid private property.

**Tyger River Blueway Sponsors and Partners**

**Common Fish in the Tyger River**

Help conserve native species by never releasing aquatic organisms into waters other than that from which they were caught. Don't dump your bait bucket unless it is back into the waterbody where that bait was collected. Freshwater fishing requires a valid SC recreational fishing license, which can be obtained from SCDNR. The native species of Rock Bass is known as "Bartram's" Bass, and is threatened by competition and hybridization from the non-native Spotted/Alabama Bass. Conservation of the Bartram's Bass is of high priority.

**Legend**

- River Access
- Parking Area
- Roadside Parking
- Dam Portage
- Hiking Trails
- County Boundary
- Fishing
- Camping
- Unofficial River Access
- Restroom Facilities
- Point of Interest
- Hiking Trail
- Accessible
- Cities and Towns
- Parks and Preserves
- Roads
- River

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