

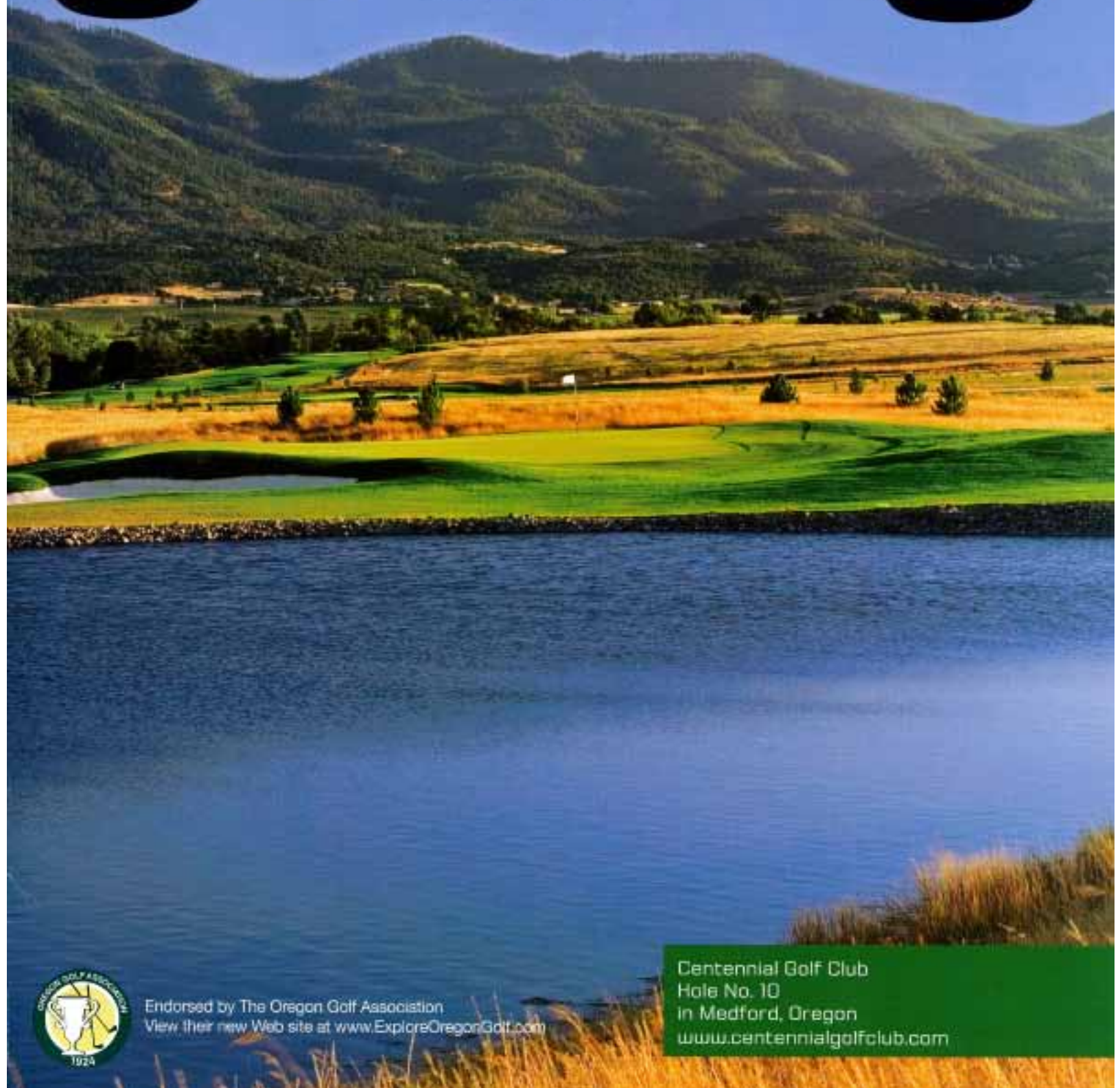


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Southern Oregon off the course

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The Rogue Valley offers excellent options for exploring and fun.
Photo by Jerry Carlson

Golfing Oregon 28 off the course

Warmer Weather Beckons

Bordering sunny California, Southern Oregon enjoys amazing weather. All year long, sunshine and balmy temperatures are common occurrences, of which visitors and locals take full advantage. With the Rogue River and Mt. Ashland alone, visitors are covered when it comes to recreation. But alas, the area truly has so much more to offer.

Your local wineries, of which there are more than you can possibly include in your visit. Southern Oregon is quickly joining the Willamette Valley as a nationally- and internationally-recognized region for fertile vineyards of grapes and amazing wines. While you are at it, enjoy locally produced cheeses and beer, world famous pears and even tempt your taste buds with award winning chocolate.

No visitors guide is complete without shopping and dining. A large number of tourists visit the Southern Oregon area every year, and both shopping and dining opportunities have exploded. Shopping opportunities range widely, from antique and boutique-style shops to large chains and outlet malls. A fantastic array of dining is available throughout the area, with each city offering casual and fine dining.

» Time to Dine

Bambu Restaurant and Wine Bar

Owners of this restaurant are longtime Southern Oregon residents and can be found most nights on site preparing delicious meals. The pair describes their restaurant as "a pan-Asian restaurant specializing in bringing flavors from the Pacific Rim to Southern Oregon. Our food is a marriage of regional Asian flavors with our own interpretation. We feature flavors from China, Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, Indonesia and the Philippines. Traditional and conventional are not words to describe our menu offerings." Bambu also offers a variety of wines sure to complement their dishes or to be enjoyed while sitting at the wine bar or on the wonderful patio.

Medford, 541-608-7545



Bambu in Medford offers delicious pan-Asian cuisine.
Photo by Jerry Carlson

Kaleidoscope Pizzeria & Pub

This locally owned pizzeria boasts gourmet stone baked pizza and a variety of other dishes made fresh daily. The décor is lively and features artwork from local artists.
Medford, 541-779-7787
www.kaleidoscopepizza.com

Taprock Northwest Grill

This Northwest lodge style restaurant offers a wide variety of Northwest-inspired, big-flavored favorites. Enjoy breakfast, lunch, dinner and/or dessert at this locals favorite.
Grants Pass, 541-955-5998
www.taprock.com

Bel Tramonto Italian Ristorante

Looking for amazing Italian food in Klamath Falls? Search no further, as Bel Tramonto is the real deal. This new restaurant offers authentic Italian cooking with every item on the menu made from scratch.
Klamath Falls, 541-884-8259

Red Rock Italian Eatery

This Italian restaurant is located near downtown Medford and offers a casual and relaxed atmosphere perfect for families and intimate celebrations. With fresh flavors, products and friendly service you can't go wrong.
Medford, 541-773-6840
www.redrockitalianeatery.com

Centennial Grille at Centennial Golf Club

Located in the clubhouse of what is considered by most to be Southern Oregon's best golf course, the Centennial Grille offers diners an extensive menu of appetizers, salads, sandwiches, burgers and a few other specialties.
Medford, 541-857-7574
www.centennialgolfclub.com

Red Robin

Families traveling through Southern Oregon will be relieved to find two Red Robin locations. So whip out the quarters for the arcade and enjoy this famous family friendly restaurant. And if there is a birthday amongst you, make sure to tell your waiter!
Medford, 541-772-7777, Roseburg, 541-673-2636
www.redrobin.com

Kobe

This contemporary Japanese restaurant has a feeling all its own, set beneath street level along Lithia Creek. The restaurant offers a sushi bar, a sake bar and a full dinner menu.
Ashland, 541-488-8058
www.thaipepperkobe.com

Larks Home Kitchen Cuisine

This restaurant definitely showcases Southern Oregon's best when it comes to farms, orchards, vineyards and chocolatiers. Located at the historic Ashland Springs Hotel, the environ-

ment is relaxing and brings you into the heart of downtown Ashland.

Ashland, 541-488-5558
www.ashlandsspringshotel.com

Alexander's Greek Cuisine

Enjoy authentic Greek cuisine at this restaurant that features family recipes from Greece and in particular Athens. Don't forget to browse through their vast collection of books and photos from all over Greece during your visit.
Roseburg, 541-672-6442
www.alexandersgreckcuisine.com

» Lodging with Character

Ashland Springs Hotel

An oasis of gentility and charm in the beautiful Rogue River Valley, Ashland Springs Hotel is an excellent choice for lodging in Southern Oregon. According to their Website, a two-year restoration project transformed the former Mark Antony into a haven of taste and elegance reminiscent of Small European hotels. Ashland Springs Hotel combines the charm of a bed and breakfast, the friendliness of a small inn, the feel of a spa resort and the safety and convenience of a hotel.
Ashland, 888-795-4545
www.ashlandsspringshotel.com

» Shop Till You Drop

Tierra del Sol

This all-in-one store features exquisite and beautiful fashion lines as well as scarves, hats, purses, belts, lingerie, shoes and gift items. The jewelry is unique and eclectic. Store selections come from around the world, ensuring you will find something new during this shopping adventure. This women's boutique definitely makes shopping fun. Many have said they have a hard time leaving this gem of a store!
Grants Pass, 541-476-2622

Harry and David Gourmet Foods

Harry & David gourmet foods and fresh fruit have become well known throughout the nation, but they began and are still based in Southern Oregon. So stop by, enjoy some treats and take some home!
Medford, 541-864-2277
www.harryanddavid.com

Terra Firma Home

This amazing home store offers a wide variety of high-quality textiles, furniture, rugs and lighting from around the world.
Medford and Jacksonville, 541-770-2728
www.terrafirmahome.com

The Ashland Fly Shop

Southern Oregon has its own world-class fly-fishing store! They strive to be your resource for steelhead fly-fishing on the famed Upper Rogue, Klamath, North Umpqua Rivers and more.
Ashland, 541-488-6454
www.ashlandflyshop.com

Jacksonville

Numerous boutique stores line the streets of small downtown Jacksonville. Enjoy locally made goods and artwork as well as variety of kitchenware, home décor, clothing and much more.

Golf Etc.

We can't have a golfing magazine without pointing out a great shopping source for the golfer! This fitting and retail center boasts over 3,000 square feet dedicated to enhancing your golf game.
Medford, 541-770-2500
www.golftetmedford.com

Urban Mixx Boutique

This super-chic boutique has mostly clothes for women with the likes of BCBG, Dolce Vita and Guess shoes, but a selection of clothes for men is also available. You will also find a variety of beauty and cosmetic supplies.
Ashland, 541-482-0226; Medford, 541-858-1983
www.urbanmixx.com



» Worth Your While

Oregon Shakespeare Festival

Founded in 1935, the Tony Award-winning Oregon Shakespeare Festival is among the oldest and largest professional non-profit theatres in the nation. Each year OSF presents an eight-and-a-half month season of eleven plays in three theatres plus numerous ancillary activities, and undertakes an extensive theatre education program. With three theater venues, there is sure to be plenty of seating and space for guests to enjoy the performances. In fact, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival is home to the oldest full-size Elizabethan stage in the Western Hemisphere—seating a whopping 1,190 playgoers, while the Angus Bowmer Theatre seats 600 and the much smaller New Theatre seats 270 to 360. Ashland, 800-219-8161 www.osfashland.org

Britt Festival

One of the Pacific Northwest's premier outdoor summer performing arts festivals, located in the historic 1850's gold rush town of Jacksonville. Britt presents dozens of summer concerts in a naturally formed amphitheater set among majestic Ponderosa pines and native madroños on the beautiful hillside estate of 19th century photographer Peter Britt. Jacksonville, 541-773-6077 www.brittfest.org

Rogue Valley Grower's and Crafters Market

Offers the finest in locally grown produce, plants and flowers, along with gourmet and specialty foods, baked goods, handcrafted arts and crafts. Medford and Ashland, 888-826-9868 www.rvgrowersmarket.com

Medford Jazz Jubilee

This annual Jazz Jubilee is dedicated to developing the understanding, taste and love of traditional jazz music as an art form. It is truly a musical event for all ages. October 8 through 10, 2010. Medford, 541-770-6972 www.medfordjazz.org

Rogue Winterfest

Celebrate the holiday season with delicious food, fine wine, great music and fabulous art in a festive setting at a spectacular event to benefit mental health services for children and adults. Grants Pass, 541-890-5472 www.roguewinterfest.com



Lady Macbeth (Robin Goodwin Nord) bears the deed it not done by her husband.
Photo by Jane for Photography of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival

Pear Blossom Festival

A spring event during blossom season, this festival includes a parade, baby contest, Junior Royalty Pageant, Senior Royalty Scholarship Pageant, a run, a street fair and a stamp show. Medford, 541-734-7327 www.pearblossomrun.com

Art Along the Rogue

It's a weekend of fun, music and art at this annual music and street chalk art festival that occurs in the fall. View wonderful chalk art and listen to some of the region's top musical groups. Grants Pass, 541-476-5510 www.artalongtherogue.com

Bite of the Rogue Valley

Sample culinary delights from some of the Rogue Valley's best restaurants, wines from the region's top vineyards and microbrews from throughout the Northwest. Local performers will be on hand to entertain, a great fall event for the whole family that benefits the five Boys and Girls Clubs of the Rogue Valley. Central Point, 541-774-8270

Ashland Independent Film Festival

More than 90 documentary, feature and short films are known to grace the screens at this popular film festival. Filmmakers of the documentaries are often found at the event as well and all of Southern Oregon is a buzz! April 8 through 12, 2010. Ashland, 541-488-3823 www.ashlandfilm.org

» For the Wine Lover

RoxyAnn Winery

This heritage property, founded in 2002, was appointed to the National Historic Registry in 2008. Partly because of buildings like the historic Hillcrest Barn, carefully restored and preserved inside and out, RoxyAnn Winery has become a destination. Their tasting room offers a selection of RoxyAnn Winery's own award-winning wines as well as locally produced cheeses, breads, fresh vegetables, wines and other artisan foods. Along with their own award-winning range of wines, RoxyAnn has partnered with several other vineyards in the Rogue Valley to produce wine and jointly raise awareness of the vineyards and winemakers of Southern Oregon. Medford, 541-776-2315 www.roxyann.com

Paschal Winery

Tucked in the lush and sloping hills surrounding the community of Talent, Paschal Winery has quietly and boldly made a name for itself. Typical tasting-room events offer at least eight wines to try and plenty of comfortable seating alongside the tasting room's massive picture windows. Talent, 541-535-7957 www.paschalwinery.com

Spangler Vineyards

Nestled in the rolling hills and river valleys of the Land of Umpqua, Spangler Vineyards capitalizes on the region's warm weather and unique microclimates to produce mainly Bordeaux-varietal wines. Roseburg, 541-679-9654 www.spanglervineyards.com

Corks Wine Bar

This wine bar is located in the heart of downtown Medford and is a great place to grab a glass of wine, enjoy tastings or purchase bottles produced by wineries throughout the Pacific Northwest, especially those from Southern Oregon.

Medford, 541-245-1616

www.corks-wineshoppe.com

EdenVale Enoteca

Enoteca wine bar "a place to sip and think" is a gateway to Southern Oregon's wine country. Carrying only Southern Oregon wines, they offer flights and wine by the glass, bottle or case and are open until 10 p.m. on weekends.

Ashland, 541-482-3377

www.edenvaleenoteca.wordpress.com



Folin Cellars Winery

Another family owned and operated winery, Folin Cellars focuses on producing warm climate varietals like Viognier, Tempranillo and Syrah. Rogue Valley, 541-805-9735
www.folincellars.com

Valley View Tasting Room

Tucked away in the beautiful Applegate Valley a short nine-mile drive from historic Jacksonville, one of Southern Oregon's oldest and most award-winning wineries offers wine lovers an unusual combination of tradition, ambiance, a stunning view and palate-pleasing wine. Jacksonville, 800-781-9463
www.valleyviewwinery.com

Henry Estate Winery

Today, three generations of Henrys operate this estate, handling all the duties from winemaking and marketing to running a tasting room and special events. With a wide selection of premium varietal wines, the winery has added Muller-Thurgau and Pinot Gris to their original varietals. Umpqua, 541-459-5120
www.henryestate.com

Troon Vineyard

Troon Vineyard is a jewel of a winery hidden in the green forests of the Applegate Valley. Launched by Dick Troon in 1993, Troon is home to Druid's Fluid, a blend created by accident that is now one of Southern Oregon's bestselling wines. Grants Pass, 541-846-9900
www.troonvineyard.com

Applegate Valley Vintners Association

The Applegate Valley runs for 50 miles, from the California border to the Rogue River in Southern Oregon. Check out their website for loads of helpful information in planning your wine tour, as well as information on local and association events. Grants Pass, 541-951-5273
www.applegatewinetrail.com

Southern Oregon Wineries Association

A diverse collection of wineries is all within a short, 45 minute to three-hour drive of each other, just waiting for you to tour. This association has it all when it comes to planning your next wine tour, tasting, purchase and much more. www.sorwa.org

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» Activities Galore

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Klamath Falls, 541-850-5500

www.runningy.com

Scienceworks Hands on Museum

Take the kids to Scienceworks Hands on Museum whose mission is "To inspire wonder and stimulate creative exploration through fun interactive science and the arts." Enjoy interactive science exhibits, classes and events.

Ashland, 541-482-6767

www.scienceworksmuseum.org

Club Northwest

This club has literally everything found under one roof: aquatics center with salt water pools, giant cardio theatre, three weight floors, a women's only workout area, indoor and outdoor basketball and volleyball courts, racquetball, handball and tennis courts, an indoor climbing wall, a kids program and hot tub, saunas and steam rooms. Oh whoops, we almost forgot their fantastic spa!

Grants Pass, 541-476-5893

www.thespaclubnw.com

Enchanted Florist

Take the gang to a real life chocolate bar at Enchanted Florist. Sit and drink some chocolate in a room of exotic flowers.

Ashland, 541-488-9173

www.chickfloral.com

» Hitting the Rapids

Rogue River Rafting and Fishing

The wild and scenic Rogue River offers fishing year-round, including salmon, trout, catfish and sturgeon fishing. Running from Crater Lake out to the Pacific Ocean, the Rogue River is also host to dozens of licensed guides ready to take you on a whitewater adventure. Rafting season is July through September. www.roguerivertrips.info

RECOMMENDED GUIDES:

Rogue Wilderness Adventures
With a variety of tours lasting a few hours to several days, you'll find one that's just your speed.
800-336-1647, www.wildrogue.com

Hellgate Jetboat Excursions
If you tend to drive fast and enjoy wind in your hair, embarking on a voyage with Hellgate Jetboat Excursions will leave you smiling.
800-648-4874, www.hellgate.com

Table Rock

Upper and Lower Table Rocks are two of the most prominent topographic features in the Rogue Valley. Located between Sams Valley and Central Point, these mesa buttes rise immediately above the north bank of the Rogue River.

White City

www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/tablerock

Crater Lake

You just can't visit Southern Oregon and not see this amazing national park. Enjoy history, wildlife, hiking trails, beautiful campgrounds, and amazing lodge and some of the clearest water you will ever see!

Crater Lake

www.crater.lake.national-park.com

Mt. Ashland

If you are a ski or snowboard bum then Southern Oregon has a great mountain to offer you in Mt. Ashland. Literally minutes from Ashland, it can get any easier to squeeze in a few or lots of runs.

Ashland, 541-482-2897

www.mtashland.com

Lithia Park

This amazing park is right smack in the heart of Ashland and is its crown jewel. This 93-acre park boasts lush lawns, tennis courts, a sandpit volleyball court, picnic area, colorful landscaping and playground equipment.

Ashland

VISITOR INFORMATION

Ashland Chamber of Commerce:
www.ashlandchamber.com

Discover Klamath
Visitors & Convention Bureau:
www.discoverklamath.com

Jackson County Chamber of Commerce:
www.jacksoncountygga.com

Josephine County Chamber of Commerce:
www.grantpasschamber.org

Klamath Chamber of Commerce:
www.klamath.org

Medford Chamber of Commerce:
www.medfordchamber.com

Medford Visitors & Convention Bureau:
www.visitmedford.org

Roseburg Visitors & Convention Bureau:
www.visitroseburg.com

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