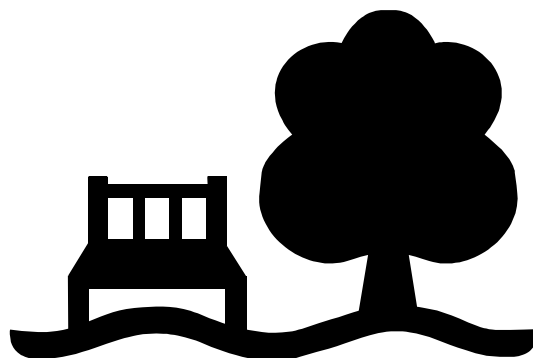





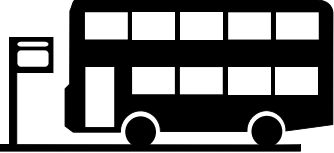
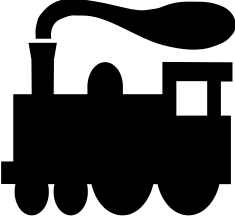
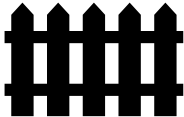
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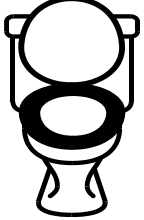



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## Summary of Park Facilities

Facilities:	
 <p>Car park on site?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can park in the Holburne Museum Car Park which leads directly onto the Park.</li> <li>• You have to pay with cash and it is often very busy.</li> <li>• The gate from the car park is sometimes locked. When this happens you will have to go to the main entrance.</li> <li>• There is on street parking along the outside of the park on Sydney Road.</li> <li>• You can also Park at Manvers Street Car Park, which is a 15 minute walk away.</li> </ul>
 <p>Nearby Bus stop?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a bus stop nearby at the Holburne Museum which is next to the park.</li> <li>• There are also bus stops located at: Forester and Darlington Road.</li> </ul>
 <p>Nearby train station?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nearest train station is Bath Spa.</li> <li>• Bath Spa station is around a 20-minute walk from the Park.</li> </ul>
 <p>Is it contained?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The park is walled but surrounded by a busy road.</li> </ul>

 <p>Seating?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is seating throughout the park.</li> <li>• The seating has supported backs and arms.</li> </ul>
 <p>Play areas?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a play area for both older and younger kids.</li> <li>• There is an adult flat swing.</li> <li>• There is an inclusive roundabout.</li> </ul>
 <p>Sport areas?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p>There is a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tennis court</li> <li>• Basket ball court</li> <li>• Panna football court</li> <li>• Table tennis</li> <li>• Pétanque court</li> </ul>
 <p>Toilets?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a unisex disability compliant toilet (20p charge)</li> <li>• There is a Changing Places Toilet.</li> </ul>
 <p>Café?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is an outdoor café/Kiosk by the main entrance.</li> <li>• You order at the counter.</li> <li>• They serve hot drinks and snacks.</li> <li>• There is limited seating.</li> <li>• There is a café with indoor seating at the Holburne Museum which is next to the park.</li> </ul>

 <p>Hills and Slopes?</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The park is on a hill, there are lots of slopes.</li> <li>• There are flat areas.</li> <li>• The bottom of the park is the flattest.</li> </ul>
 <p>Nature areas?</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a Canal.</li> <li>• There are flowerbeds.</li> <li>• There is a tree trail.</li> <li>• A fallen tree.</li> </ul>
 <p>Dogs allowed?</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dogs are allowed in the park.</li> </ul>
 <p>Dog free zones?</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no dog free zones.</li> <li>• Dogs are allowed in all areas of the park.</li> <li>• In the children's play area, they are allowed on leads.</li> </ul>
 <p>Is it noisy?</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The park is surrounded by a busy road.</li> <li>• A railway runs through the park and the trains can be very loud when they pass by.</li> </ul>
 <p>Historical features?</p>	 <p>There are many historical features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A canal.</li> <li>• Victorian walkways and railings.</li> <li>• Minerva temple.</li> <li>• Loggia.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Georgian reservoir.</li> <li>• Railway bridges.</li> <li>• Historic toilets exhibit.</li> <li>• The long seat.</li> </ul>
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# 1. Deciding to Visit



## Location:

The address is: Sydney Place, Bathwick, Bath, BA2 6NH

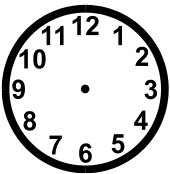
- The park is located near the Holburne Museum.
- The main entrance is near a busy road and the other entrances are near side streets.
- The park is walled.

## Personal Tours for First-time Visitors:

- If it is your first time visiting us and you're not sure what to expect, we can meet you to show you around the park.
- We normally charge a fee for our tours, but if you mention the accessibility guide in your email, we will waive this. Donations are welcome.
- Please contact [info@friendsofsydneygardens.org](mailto:info@friendsofsydneygardens.org) to arrange this service with one of our park volunteers.

## Who visits?

- The park is visited by families, dog walkers and runners as well as tourists as it is historically important.



## When to Visit:

### Opening times:

- The park is open 24 hours a day.

### Busy and Quiet times:

- The park is busiest on weekends and afternoons.
- The park is quietest on weekdays and mornings.

## 2. Journey and Arrival

How To Get There:



By Car:



*The Holburne Museum Car Park Entrance*



*The Holburne Museum Car Park*



*Entrance from the Holburne museum Car Park to Sydney Gardens.*

**Car Park**

THE HOLBURNE MUSEUM

Our car park is for Museum visitors only  
The gates are locked at 6pm

**Parking charges apply**  
Monday to Sunday, 8am to 6pm  
(including Bank Holidays)

Up to 2 hours	£3.50
2-3 hours	£5
3-4 hours	£7
4-6 hours	£10.50
8-10 hours	£12.50
	FREE



**PENALTY CHARGES**  
This car park is patrolled by Bath & North East Somerset Parking Services.

A Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) of up to £70 will be issued for:

- Failure to display a valid ticket.
- Overstaying the expiry time printed on the ticket.
- Paying for a ticket after a PCN has been issued is not considered grounds for cancelling the notice.

If you are locked in after 6pm please call the security team 01225 385349 (University of Bath)

Cars & contents are left at the owner's risk

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HOLBURNE MUSEUM CAR PARK

**PAY FOR YOUR PARKING USING YOUR MOBILE**

Available for Apple and Android devices or by using the online portal at [wanttopark.com/bathnes](http://wanttopark.com/bathnes)

App Clip QR Code

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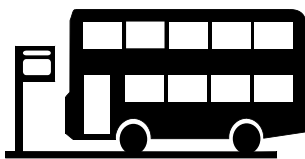
*The Holburne Museum Car Park Charges.*



- There is a car park on site for the Holburne Museum which visitors to Sydney Park can use. You can enter the park through a gate that takes you out to the Gardeners Lodge, pétanque court and toilets at the bottom of the park.
- There is Reserved Parking for Blue Badge holders, which is free.
- The car park is open from 8am-6pm. The car park is locked at 6pm.

#### On-Street Parking:

- There is free on street parking on Sydney Road, which runs along the side and at the top end of the park.
- The on-street parking along the side of the park is for 2 hours maximum between the hours of 8am-7pm, with no return for 1 hour.
- The on-street parking at the top end of the park is for 4 hours from Mon-Sat between the hours of 8am-7pm with no return within 1 hour.
- There is also parking available at Manvers Street Car Park which is a 15-minute walk away.



#### By Bus:

- There are 3 bus stops located near to the Park.

#### Holburne Museum Bus Services:

- There is a bus stop nearby at the Holburne Museum which is right next to the park.
- The bus timetable and street view of the stop can be found here - <https://bustimes.org/stops/0180BAC30007>
- The D1, U1 and U3 stop here and start from Bath Bus Station which is next to the Railway Station.
- The closest park entrance to this stop is the Holburne Museum entrance or the Main entrance.

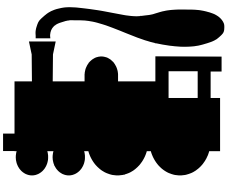
#### Forester Road Bus Services:

- There is a bus stop along Beckford Road called Forrester Road.
- The Bus timetable and street view of the stop can be found here - <https://bustimes.org/stops/0180BAC30029>
- The 11, D1, D2X stop here and start from the Bath Bus Station.
- The 94, X84, 734 and Skyline tour also stop here.

- The closest park entrance to this stop is the main entrance.

#### Darlington Road Bus Services:

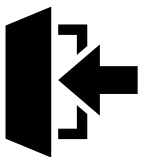
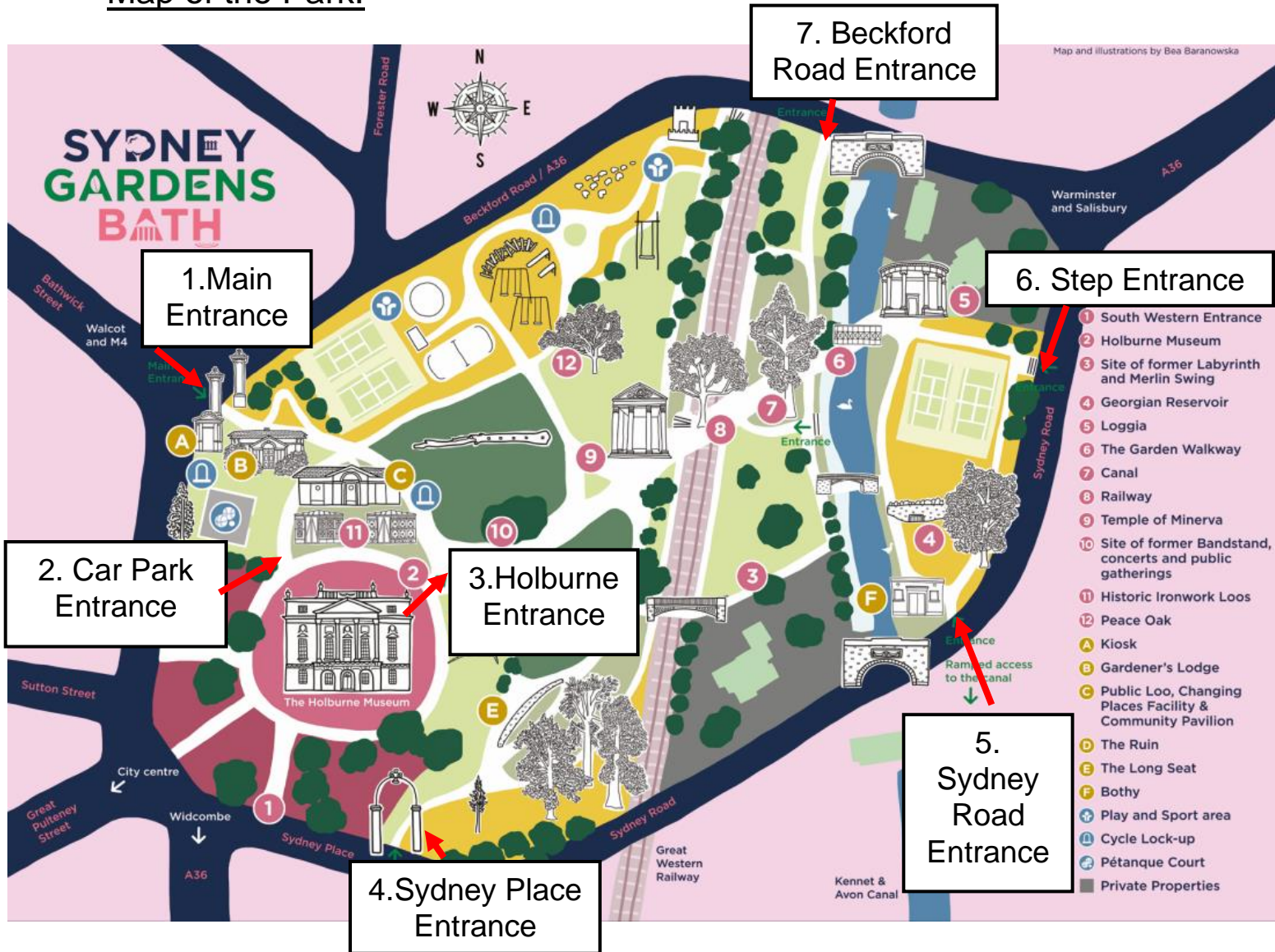
- There is a bus stop along the A36 opposite Darlington Road.
- The Bus timetable and Street view of the stop can be found here - <https://bustimes.org/stops/0180BAC30027>
- The 11, D1, D2X stop here and start from the Bath Bus Station.
- The X84 and the 94 also stop here.
- The closest park entrance to this stop is Beckford Road Entrance.



#### By Train:



- The nearest national rail train station is Bath Spa.
- Bath Spa is roughly a 20-minute walk from the park.

## Map of the Park:



## Entrances and Exits

- There are 7 entrance points to Sydney Gardens.

Entrance Description	Image
<p>1. Main entrance into Sydney Gardens off Beckford Road/A36 and opposite Bathwick Street.</p> <p>The main entrance is located at the bottom of the park next to the Roasted Lemon Café and pétanque court.</p> <p>It has gaps between two pillars where you can enter.</p> <p>The main entrance is the flattest entry point.</p>	
<p>2. Gated entrance from the Holburne Museum car park.</p> <p>This brings you out to the Gardeners Lodge, pétanque court and toilets.</p> <p>This gate gets locked at 6pm. When it is closed use the main entrance instead.</p>	

3. Entrance from the Holburne Museum Café onto Sydney Gardens.

This takes you out to the Friends of Sydney Gardens Notice board and is not far from the toilets.

This entrance can be accessed from the car park.



4. Entrance off Sydney Place

This is located on the bottom right side of the park along Sydney Place.

It is an archway between two pillars.

This entrance brings you to the long seat and railway viewing point.



5. Entrance off the upper right side of Sydney Road.

The entrance has two bollards and is followed by a slope.

This takes you to the tennis courts at the top of the park and railway bridges.



6. Entrance at the top of Sydney Road with steps and a hand rail leading into the park.

This entrance brings you to the upper tennis court, loggia, and railway bridges.



### 7. Beckford Road Entrance.

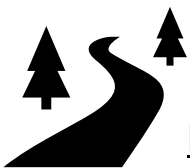
This entrance can be accessed from Beckford Road/A36 by a gap in the wall, it is followed by a slight slope.

This is one of the widest entrance points.



## 3. On-site Experience

### Facilities:



#### Pathways:

- The pathways are wide.
- The paths are steep and sloped in parts.
- Some of the paths have cracks.
- Many of the main pathways are smooth.
- There are many bridges in the park over the railway and canal.



- Debris such as sticks and leaves sometimes cover pathways – especially at the top of the park near the tennis courts.
- In winter paths may be slippery, in autumn summer and spring months the pathways may have foliage on them.



### Toilets:

- The park has two toilets – a disabled toilet and a Changing Places toilet.



### Changing Places Toilet:

- There is a Changing Places toilet near the main entrance next to the standard toilets.
- To gain access to the Changing Places toilet you have to call the number written on the sign next to the door, you then input the code they give you on the keypad below the sign.
- The number is 01249823143.
- There is a bench near to the toilets.



### Disabled Toilet:

- There is a single unisex disabled access toilet.
- It costs 20p to enter the toilet, this can be paid for by card or cash.
- This toilet is located near to the main entrance at the bottom of the park.







### Café/refreshments

- There is a café/Kiosk located by the main entrance, called the Roasted Lemon Café
- You order at the counter.
- It sells hot drinks, hot snacks, pancakes and cakes.
- There are two sets of outdoor bistro style seating for two, the seating has no arm supports.
- There are benches nearby.



### Seating:

- There are benches all over the park.
- They are mainly concentrated at the bottom of the park near the main entrance and toilets, and the play area.
- There are few at the top of the park.
- There is a bench outside the top tennis court.
- Most are on flat ground.
- Nearly all the benches have arm supports and supported backs, a few do not.





### Bins:

- Bins can be found near the Sydney Place entrance (entrance 4 on the map), Sydney Road Entrance (entrance 5 on the map), the Temple of Minerva, and the play area.
- There is not a separate dog poo bin.



### Quiet/dog free zones:

- There are no dog-free zones – dogs are allowed on leads in the play area.
- The top of the park is a quieter area of the park – near the bug hotel.
- The bottom of the park gets busiest as it is near the children’s play area, the Holburne museum and the main entrance.
- A railway runs through the park which can be very loud when trains drive by.



### **Sports Areas:**

#### Tennis:



*Upper Tennis Court*

- There are two tennis courts at the top of the park, and two at the bottom near the main entrance.
- The tennis courts have wide gates that require a code and open outwards, there is level access.

#### Membership:

- The Courts are part of the 'Tennis @ the Park Programme' which allows you to access Sydney Gardens, Alice Park, Keynsham Memorial Park and Keynsham Park Tennis courts for a £40 a year membership fee. You can become a member here - <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/SydneyGardens/Membership/Join>

#### Pay per hour:

- Or you can play without a membership. You can book a court through the Bath and North East Somerset Council online system - <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/SydneyGardens>.
- It costs £6 to book a tennis court per hour. Once you have paid you will receive an access code to use when entering the tennis court.

#### Basketball, Panna Football and Table Tennis



#### *Basket Ball Court*

- There is a basketball court, panna football pitch and table tennis inside the play area. These are all free to use.
- They are located at the bottom of the park.
- You have to enter through the children's play area to gain access.
- To get to the courts you have to step down.

- The ground of the court itself a flat and tarmac.

### Pétanque Court



- There is a Pétanque court at the bottom of the park near to the main entrance and Roasted Lemon Café. It is free to use this court, and anyone can use it. You do not need to book.
- The pétanque court is surrounded by grass and sand.
- The court itself is made of gravel.



### Play Area:



*Entrance to the Play area with climbing frame, slides and swings.*

- There is a play area at the bottom of the park, not far from the main entrance.

- The gate leading to the play area is wide and opens outwards.
- The play area is wood chipped and has stones.
- There are pathways through the wood chipped area.
- Dogs are allowed on leads in the play area.

#### Busiest and quietest times:

- The play park is most in use in school holidays, weekends and afterschool.
- It is quieter and less used in the morning and daytime during school days.

#### Play equipment list:

- Swings (adult swing, basket swing, flat swing).
- Water play feature (summer only).
- Embankment slides.
- Climbing unit.
- Fake castle climber.
- Panna football.
- Basketball hoops.
- There is a sand pit that is not contained in the younger children's play area.

#### Adapted play equipment:



- There is an adult flat swing inside of the children's play area.
- There is a level access roundabout which is wheelchair friendly.
- There is a basket swing outside the children's play area.
- There is an unsupported adult swing just outside the children's play area.

## Sights and Activities:

Things to see:



Natural features:



Canal



Step access to the railway line



Step access to the canal

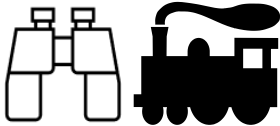


Fallen tree attraction



Bug hotel

- There is a canal that runs through the park.
- The canal can only be accessed by steps.
- The ground next to the canal is muddy with gravel.
- There is a bug hotel.
- There is a fallen tree for climbing.
- There is a Tree Trail.
- There are flower beds and lawns.



### Train Spotting:

- There is a railway that runs through the park.
- You can spot trains as they drive by.
- There is also seating near to the railway where you can sit and watch the trains.
- The path to do this is gravelly and gets muddy.



*Railway viewing points*



### Historical features:



*Temple of Minerva and ramp access to the temple*

The park has lots of historical features such as:

- The temple of Minerva. There is a ramp to get into the Temple. In the Temple there are information boards about the history of the park.
- Loggia.
- Georgian reservoir.
- Canal.

- Railway bridges.
- Historic toilets exhibit.
- The long seat.

You can learn more about these features online - [https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/bg1593\\_-\\_heritage\\_map\\_web.pdf](https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/bg1593_-_heritage_map_web.pdf).

Physical copies of this leaflet are also available in the park at the Friends of Sydney Gardens notice board.

## **Things to Do:**

### Self-guided tours:

- By the Holburne Museum café entrance, at the Friends of Sydney gardens noticeboard, there are multiple leaflets with information about the park and self-guided tours.
- There is a Tree Trail, Heritage Tour and Jane Austin Tour. Digital versions of these are also available online on Bath and North East Somerset Council website.

### Weekly Activities:

- On Tuesdays there is an Outdoor Exercise Class for age 55+ from 11am- 12pm.
- On Wednesdays there is an exercise class for 70+ and those with limited mobility from 10:30-11:30 am.
- On Wednesdays there are volunteer gardening sessions from 10am- 12pm.
- On Fridays (except half term) there is a nature tots' session from 10am - 11am.
- The Holbourne Museum sometimes runs arts activities in the park.

### Monthly Activities:

- Every second Sunday and fourth Sunday of the month, 10am to 12pm there are volunteer gardening sessions with the Friends of Sydney Gardens.
- Friends of Sydney Gardens also run Historic tours of Sydney Gardens every second Sunday at 2:30pm.



- The Friends of Sydney gardens website lists events and activities they have going on, on their events page- <http://www.friendsofsydneygardens.org/>

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