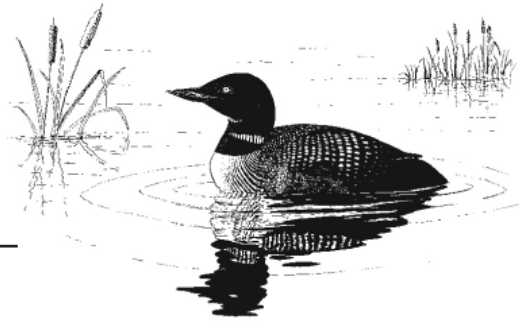


# Tremolo



*Tremolo... the laugh-like call of the Loon*

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## Loon Haunt Outposts – Recap of our 2018 Season

Our 41st season was another successful one and we sincerely thank you all for making Loon Haunt Outposts your annual fishing destination. We witnessed many sunburned noses on familiar and new faces and plenty of big smiles this summer on our happy fishermen.

After a very cold winter our lake ice was thicker than usual. Fortunately, extremely warm weather in May caused the fastest melting we have seen in years so we were able to fly to the outposts and begin readying them for the first guests. Given a choice we prefer an early ice-out as it affords us extra time to settle in and do upgrades and necessary maintenance, but we work with whatever Mother Nature gives us. I wrongly predicted we would have high water this spring but we arrived to normal spring levels. It seems the abundant winter snow did not translate into higher water levels. By the second week in June our water level had peaked and was on the way down because of shortage of rain. This lack of rain continued right through the summer. Because of the dry conditions, forest fires popped up daily and there was a campfire ban for most of the season. Several storms in mid-August brought big winds, hail and rain. We lost at least 15 trees in that storm and spent the

rest of the summer cleaning up branches and cutting firewood for our arrival next year.

Because of the generally dry weather, bugs were not an issue. In some ways “Nature’s Calendar” was accelerated this year. We usually arrive in mid-May and notice that the flying ants are very plentiful. This year, however, we saw very few of these insects so we have to assume their hatch

Walleye fishing was outstanding this year with many, many large fish caught and released. We saw pictures of many large northernns as well when our guests shared their photos with us. Some guests reported catching their personal bests this season!





We suspected that there would be substantial wild rice crop as the conditions were extremely favorable. From the air, Ryan and Bill kept track of the overall area of rice plants and it was much larger than last year. The low water was a great help in aiding the plants to a quick maturity. Then, the guys started worrying that some of the best and thickest rice was inaccessible because there wasn't enough water to float the picker. Mother Nature came to the rescue and the storms/rains began in early September and didn't let up until the lake came up over 6 inches in less than 2 days. Now we could get to the best rice but the rain and wind kept us from picking. By the time we were able to resume picking a disappointing portion of the rice had already fallen off. Our optimistic projection of a 10,000-pound crop was downsized and our harvest was a modest 6600 pounds. Our processor shared with us the news that wild rice growers in general experienced a below average crop this year. Our shelves, however, are restocked with wild rice and we are already looking

forward to next year's harvest and the upcoming adventures! Whenever the weather stopped us from picking rice, we flew to the outposts and cleaned and winterized them. Ryan cut good piles of



firewood at each location and there was enough work to keep all 3 of us busy for the hours we were there.

Our goal was to shut down the outposts before our moose hunters arrived so Ryan and Bill could concentrate solely on the hunt. They really enjoyed last year's hunt and were looking forward to this year. This year, however, cold weather, wind and rain/snow challenged everyone and the moose were elusive. Then, Ryan called out a 45-inch bull and a close shot for Bob meant success!

The cold weather didn't let up after our moose hunters left and we had to contend with frozen water lines as we tried to finish shutting things down. Another snow storm the morning of our departure from Goose Lake slowed us down some more while the airplane had to be de-iced for the safe flight back home to Red Lake on October 4th. ❖

## Bragging Boards:

Thank you for taking the time to enter your catch on the Bragging Boards. We all enjoy reading about your success as you answer our questions of location and lure used. We noticed, however, that this year our guests were not as diligent about posting their catch as in years past. A special thank you to those guests who did!

## Poirier

Name	Month	Species	Length
Ron/Kathy N.	July	Northern	30
Ron/Kathy N.	July/August	Walleye	23(9), 23.5, 24, 24.5(2)
Ron/Kathy N.	July/August	Walleye	25(2), 26.5
Andrew A.	August	Northern	30
Andrew A.	August	Walleye	24
Rick K.	August	Walleye	23(7), 23.5(5), 24(4), 25(5)



## Monroe

Name	Month	Species	Length
Troy F.	June	Walleye	27
Troy F.	June	Northern	36
Don B.	June	Northern	37
Don B.	June	Walleye	24



## Unnamed Lake

Name	Month	Species	Length
Larry N.	June	Walleye	27.5
Larry N.	June	Northern	37
John S.	June	Walleye	25.5, 26
John S.	June	Northern	34.5
Doug H.	June	Walleye	25
Barry K.	June	Walleye	25.5, 28.5
Barry K.	June	Northern	41.75
Debbie H.	June	Walleye	29
Debbie H.	June	Northern	39
Matt L.	June	Walleye	26
Ken C.	June	Northern	42

## Unnamed Lake

Name	Month	Species	Length
Graham P.	June	Northern	39
Tim G.	June	Walleye	27.5
Caton B.	June	Walleye	26
Caton B.	June	Northern	38
J.J. B.	June	Northern	>34(10)
Sam B.	July	Walleye	7.75, 27
Tom B.	July	Northern	39
Les P.	July	Northern	37
Jeanette P.	July	Walleye	22
Jon P.	July	Walleye	22.5
Jon P.	July	Northern	35, 44
Kathy P.	July	Northern	33(2)
Luke C.	July	Northern	37
Luke C.	July	Walleye	20(5)
Gabe C.	July	Northern	40.5
Gabe C.	July	Walleye	27.5
Matt C.	July	Walleye	26
Tom B.	July	Walleye	27
Ron R.	August	Northern	29, 29.5, 30, 31, 32
Ron R.	August	Walleye	17, 18(2), 20
Arvid P.	August	Northern	34(3), 36, 37(2), 38, 39
Arvid P.	August	Perch	8.75
Gene C.	August	Walleye	25
Gene C.	August	Northern	29, 34, 38.5
Rich K.	August	Northern	35, 38
Doug B.	August	Walleye	21, 22(2), 24, 25.5
Jason B.	August	Northern	34
Jason B.	August	Walleye	20, 22
Mike B.	August	Northern	36
Kathy B.	August	Northern	25, 27(2)
Kathy B.	August	Walleye	22 first ever!

## Goose Lake

Name	Month	Species	Length
Kale F.	June	Walleye	28.5
Chad S.	June	Walleye	27
Kale F.	June	Northern	35.5
Roger S.	June	Walleye	26
Caryn D.	June	Northern	36.5
Joseph D.	June	Walleye	24.5
Matt M.	June	Northern	37
Ben B.	June	Walleye	29
Ben B.	June	Northern	37
Zach B.	June	Northern	40, 42
Zach B.	June	Walleye	28
Dayne O.	June	Walleye	25(2), 26
Kenny G.	June	Walleye	26, 27.5
Jim B.	June	Northern	34, 38.5
Jim B.	June	Walleye	23, 24.5, 26, 27
Derek G.	June	Walleye	25, 26, 27(2)
Dustin G.	June	Walleye	27
Devin G.	June	Northern	35
Lon B.	June	Walleye	26.5(2)
Brian B.	June	Northern	42
Charlie D.	June	Walleye	26
Joe D.	June	Walleye	27.5
Mark D.	June	Walleye	23, 24, 25
Merritt D.	June	Walleye	27.5
Merritt D.	June	Northern	35
Landon M.	June	Walleye	24
Dave S.	June	Northern	35.5
Doug C.	June	Walleye	26
Ed R.	June	Walleye	25, 26(2), 27
Ted H.	June	Walleye	25.5
Messmann Bros. & Landon	June	Walleye	25.5, 27
John S.	July	Northern	38
Marlene M.	July	Walleye	25
Harold V.	July	Walleye	24
Frank S.	July	Walleye	18.25, 22
Ray O.	July	Northern	24
Ray O.	July	Walleye	18.5(2), 20.5
Daniel H.	July	Northern	28, 31, 32.5
Daniel H.	July	Walleye	19
Bob H.	July	Northern	28
Bob H.	July	Walleye	18, 20
Carter B.	July	Northern	33
Jason B.	July	Walleye	23
Andy V.	July	Walleye	25
Noah K.	August	Northern	34
Max B.	August	Walleye	23
Ethan Lem Scott	August	Walleye	21, 21.75, 22
Ethan Lem Scott	August	Northern	32



# Goose Lake

Name	Month	Species	Length
Lance D.	August	Walleye	25
Dave S.	August	Walleye	22, 24
Jerry B.	August	Walleye	26
Randy F.	August	Walleye	24
Carol W.	September	Northern	34.5
Sherm S.	September	Walleye	20, 21, 23(2), 25
Sherm/Melissa S.	September	Walleye	22



# Goose Lake

Name	Month	Species	Length
Sherm/Melissa S.	September	Walleye/Northern	14 >120 total
Jack G.	September	Walleye	28
Sherm S.	September	Walleye	21, 24, 25(2)
Melissa S.	September	Walleye	22(2)
Ken D.	September	Walleye	23.5, 26



# Louise's Chatter

- For the second year in a row our pair of Canada geese did not make an appearance in the patch of grass in front of the camp. Hope they return next year.
- Our resident Merlins nested beyond cabin 4 so we enjoyed another peaceful summer without all their noise.
- Ryan and I went fishing at Whitedog Falls before the first guests arrived and observed a mink darting around the rocks for the entire time we were fishing. On the ride back to camp we spied an Osprey successfully diving to capture a fish. It perched on the very tip of a spruce and it was amusing to see it hang on to the wriggling fish with one claw and balance perfectly with the other.
- This spring we saw a flock of 10 Trumpeter swans at Goose Lake. The group dispersed and summered on small lakes around Goose and Nechigona. Lucky guests were able to view them over the summer, this time accompanied by their babies.
- By late September their number had grown to 17 and we were able to observe them for a few days while they waited to fly south.
- In early June I was surprised to view a wolf on the path right outside cabin 1. It was not the first time a wolf has visited us. We regularly find wolf tracks on the beach in front of the cabins.
- Kale F. caught a 28 ½ inch walleye and a 35 ½ inch northern in the first hour of his 4 day trip. Nice!
- This year we were visited by 2 parties with the last name of Frank and both parties were lucky enough to spot a bear. One was observed at Monroe Lake and one was seen at Goose Lake.
- Every year it seems that the conditions are perfect for several parties. This year the Brazier and Grothoff parties absolutely hammered the large walleyes and northern.
- Brothers Dave and Dennis along with Dave's son Landon hit the water harder than most guests this summer. They pushed off every morning at 5 a.m. and witnessed more cool stuff than anyone else. The highlight had to be the cow moose and 2 calves that they spied running from a big bear.
- We are grateful Ryan's friend Steve J. was able to spend a few days with us this summer. With his help a second water tower was erected beside the first one and some work was done at the Whitelaw outpost.
- In June Mark D. and his fishing partner observed a small waterspout. It lifted off the river and travelled right over them while they were fishing.
- Another waterspout was seen by the Meyers family in August. These waterspouts always seem to form on "bluebird days", when the weather is exceptional and there is no hint of any disturbance. Past guests and have witnessed some very big ones and usually come back to camp eager to tell us what they saw. I, myself, have seen several from the dock at Goose Lake and was glad not to be anywhere near them.
- There were quite a few moose sightings in June at all locations. June seems to be the month cows along with their calves show their presence.
- The Meyers family woke up early one morning at Goose Lake and were lucky to spot a cow and calf on the beach in front of the cabin.



- In July a very friendly bird showed up at Goose Lake and followed people around while it captured flying insects. Grasshoppers were a particular favorite. It hung around for a few days and we got used to seeing it and looking for it. One day it even followed the boats to the Wall and flew from boat to boat while the guys were fishing. At one point it perched on one fisherman's rod while he was fishing! We were all intrigued by this bird and scoured the bird book for the identity to no avail. Finally, we sent off some photos to a bird identification website and then received the verdict. It was a juvenile brown headed cowbird! Hope it returns next year as it provided us all with awe and appreciation for nature.

- John H. said it best. He mentioned we make memories for people and it is true. Enjoying nature with friends and family is the best!

- Our resident Whiskey Jacks made a quick appearance in early July and then retreated to the woods until early August when they reappeared again and stayed until we finally left in early October. Ryan figured there must be many loaves of bread along with pancakes and other goodies stashed away in the trees at Goose Lake.

- Daily feeding of several squirrels produced a couple of pests. While it was entertaining to hand feed these

creatures they bit through the screens on our cabin to help themselves to peanuts on the table. We caught them and banished them to the island in front of the cabin. Hopefully they don't make their way back over the ice to their old homes.

- The very dry weather this summer produced many, many fires and it was a daily job to monitor their whereabouts and watch to see if and when the MNR firefighters put them out. Some very large fires were left to burn as Nature intended but others near communities or camps and outposts were quickly put out. We do appreciate the skill and aggressive approach the firefighters took in protecting properties.

- Andy V. lost a walleye this summer and while he was busy tying on a new jig that same walleye was caught by his fishing partner so he got the jig back and the walleye as well!

- This July we noticed the orange fungi that were not present last year returned once more. Maybe had something to do with the dry conditions? Usually the orange fungi coincide with the walleyes moving into Walleye Alley at Nechigona but for some reason the walleyes didn't show up in the huge numbers until August.

- We received the sad news this year that a friend had passed away. Ron

Oler enjoyed many fishing trips to Goose Lake with his family and will be missed.

- Another long time Poirier guest, Bob Rupel, passed away this summer. Bob really looked forward to his many years of fishing Poirier Lake.

- This spring we planted our own small tomato garden at Goose Lake. It was fun to watch our garden grow and we found out we had so many knowledgeable guests that offered tips and provided insight into growing tomatoes. Next year we plan to expand the garden and look forward to planting more vegetables. We thought the rabbits and squirrels would munch our plants but they left them alone for the most part and only targeted some of my favorite flowers.

- August was a time of family visits for all of us and we kicked back and took some time off to fish and enjoy ourselves. My nephew Lance managed to combine fishing and work and split a big pile of firewood for us. Thanks Lance!

- Our granddaughter Annadele lost a tooth while she was visiting and there was some worrying that maybe the tooth fairy wouldn't be able to find her, but the tooth fairy did persevere after a long flight. She was the Canadian tooth fairy because she left Canadian money!

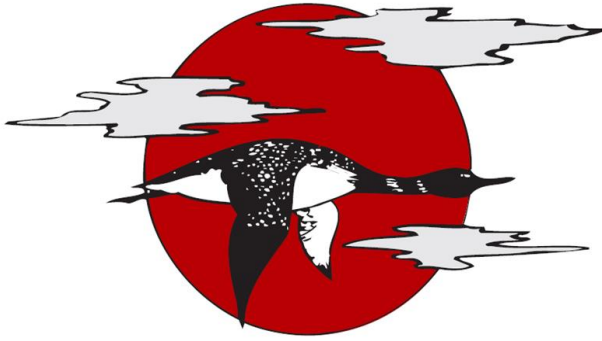


- Kent S. and his group fished Bunny Ear island at dusk in late August and gleefully reported catching and releasing great numbers of big walleyes. Kent mentioned it was his best fishing ever for size as well as numbers.
- Jim S. and Don S. like to fish Monroe at the end of August and this year did not disappoint again. They were fishing for northerns and couldn't keep the big walleyes off the lures!
- Much to the squirrels' delight, stump mushrooms made an appearance again this year. They must have spent many hours stashing the mushrooms in the balsam fir trees as a source of winter food.
- All too soon on August 23rd we noticed Sandhill Cranes on their journey and knew it was the start of their southbound exodus. Canada geese and ducks soon followed and headed straight for the wild rice plantation!
- My 70th birthday was made so special by the Sheldon group. They arrived at our cabin with birthday wishes and cake!! Thanks guys!
- By the time we left Goose Lake on October 4th, the lake had risen to spring levels once again and it will be interesting to see what will transpire next year. ❖



Ryan and Bill converted 7 of the boats in 2017 so the race was on to get the final 6 done this season. Everyone loves the modified boats at Goose Lake. They feature 9.9 hp Honda 4 stroke motors with electric start, 12-volt outlets for fish locators, comfortable swivel seats and our new walk through seats. Once you have tried them you will want to know why all boats aren't this way.





# Loon Haunt Outposts 2019 Rates

All rates include: boats, motors and unlimited gasoline. All cabins feature: hot and cold running water and showers, propane stove, refrigerator, chest-type freezer, pots and pans, dishes and cutlery, beds with coil spring mattresses, pillows and electric lights. If you are prepared to meet our flying schedule, which will enable us to utilize the aircraft both ways, flying is included in the rates quoted.

## Large Group Specials

At all locations for week long packages only

Deduct \$50 per person if group of 5 adults

Deduct \$130 per person if group of 6 or more adults

## 7 Day Fishing Packages

Lake	Occupancy	In	Out	US Each
Goose	2-24	Sunday	Sunday	\$1,330
Monroe	4-6	Sunday	Sunday	\$1,330
Unnamed	4-8	Sunday	Sunday	\$1,330
Poirier	2	Saturday	Saturday	\$1,330
Whitelaw	2-6	Friday	Friday	\$1,330

## Our Conservation Policy

No one is to harm in any way a Walleye over 18 inches or a Northern over 27 inches.

We encourage you to enjoy meals of fish during your stay, but insist that no fish be taken home with you.

To ensure future generations will enjoy the same fantastic fishing we have today, this policy is mandatory for all our guests.

## 3, 4 & 5 Day Fishing Packages

Lake	Occupancy	Package	US Each
Goose	2-24	3-Day (as available - call for openings)	\$1,200
Goose	2-24	4-Day (as available - call for openings)	\$1,350
Goose	2-24	5-Day (as available - call for openings)	\$1,450
Whitelaw	2-6	3-Day (as available - call for openings)	\$1,200
Whitelaw	2-6	4-Day (as available - call for openings)	\$1,350
Whitelaw	2-6	5-Day (as available - call for openings)	\$1,450

Shorter stays can be arranged at other locations, please contact us for availability.

Baggage limit is 100 pounds per person,

75 pounds on the 3, 4 day packages and 85 pounds on the 5 day

- Rates are quoted in United States Dollars (US).
- Children 16 and under deduct 10% from price.
- Deposits of \$300 US per person are transferable (on 60-day notice) but not refundable. Our policy is intended to be fair to our guests yet prevent the loss of income to our business. Our location is such that we do not have a large volume of traffic past our facilities. We must depend on advance reservations. Once a cabin is reserved, we remove it from the market, refusing all other requests. A booking must be accompanied by a deposit within 2 weeks – if not the cabin becomes available to other fishermen.
- Personal checks are acceptable for reservation deposit only. Balance to be paid with cash or cashier's checks.
- Please no personal checks.
- Sales taxes (HST) are extra. The total tax will be 13% of the total charge.
- Vehicle parking at the airlines is included in the price.
- Beer and soda, if ordered at least 3 weeks in advance, will be delivered to your outpost ahead of time at no extra cost to you.
- Prior to your visit, you will receive a detailed information package containing a helpful grocery list that you can use to plan your shopping or fax to our local grocery store. The store will prepare your order, charge it to your credit card and deliver it to the airlines for you.

## 2018 IMPROVEMENTS

- New shingles for the Poirier Lake cabin.
- Modified the last 6 boats at Goose Lake.
- Installed more solar motion lights at Goose Lake.
- Erected another water tower at Goose Lake.
- Installed a new refrigerator at Unnamed Lake.
- Installed a new freezer at Whitelaw Lake.
- Installed a new set of 3430 Edo floats on the Cessna 185.

## PLANNED FOR 2019

- More solar lights where needed.
- More levelling of the service building and fish house at Goose Lake.
- Levelling of the cabin at Unnamed Lake.

## Thank You

We enjoy living with nature at our back door and take our job as stewards of the resource seriously. Our goal is to take the best possible care of it as well as the cabins and equipment so all will be ready and waiting for your return.

To all the fishermen who visited us this year, we thank for your company and business. To those still dreaming of your first Canadian fly in fishing experience, we look forward to sharing our part of the country with you. We know you have choices on where to cast your lines and we are honored and pleased you chose Loon Haunt.

Warm regards – Bill, Louise and Ryan



## 2019 Sport Shows

Look for Ryan if you are attending the All Canada Sport Shows in January of 2019:

**January 3,4,5,6**

Milwaukee County Sports Complex  
Franklin, Wisconsin

**January 10,11,12,13**

Pheasant Run Mega Center, St. Charles, Illinois

**January 17,18,19,20**

Radisson Conference Center, Oneida Casino  
Green Bay, Wisconsin



## The winner of the **FREE TRIP DRAW**

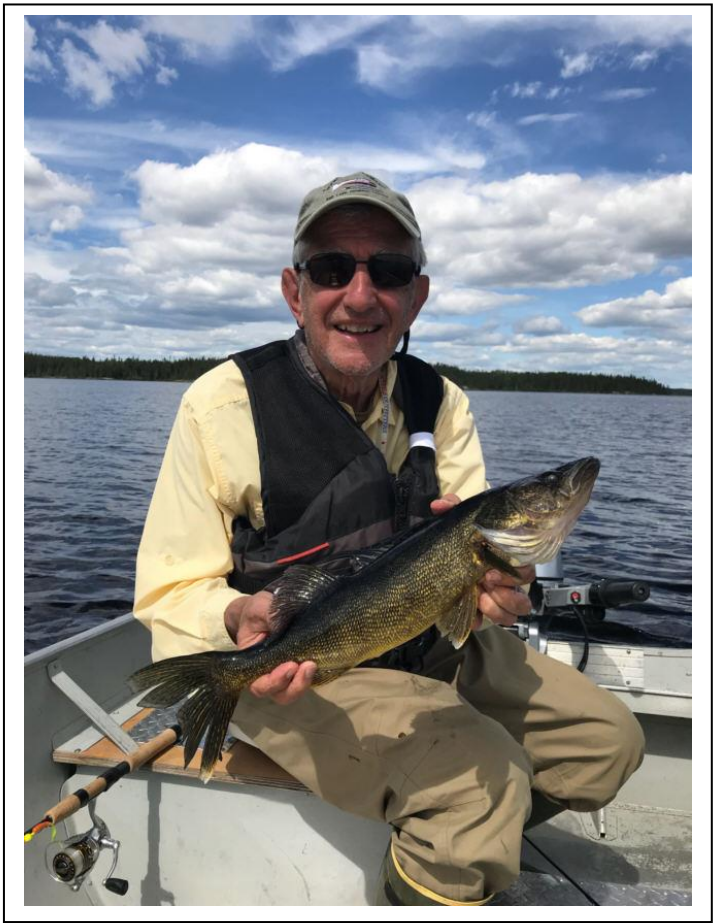
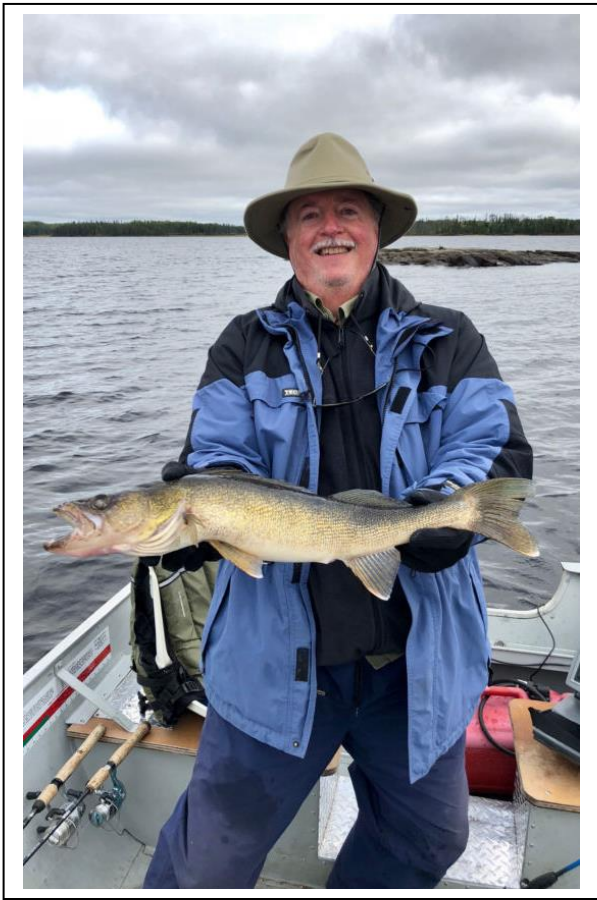
for 2018 is Andrew Vorbrich



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