

# VYSOČINA REGION

The Vysočina Region is a hilly region connecting Bohemia and Moravia. The region lies within the Bohemian-Moravian Highlands. It has the cleanest air in the country and the second highest number of towns and villages of any Czech region.

**Area of the region:** 6,796 km<sup>2</sup>; 704 municipalities

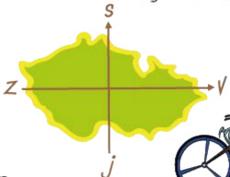
**Population:** 517,647; 76 people per km<sup>2</sup> (2025)

**Capital of the region:** Jihlava

**Highest peaks:** Javořice (837 m a. s. l.); Devět skal (836 m a. s. l.)

**Official symbol of the Vysočina Region:** Moravian eagle, Czech lion, Jihlava hedgehog and crane – tree of the Vysočina Region

The centre of the republic lies here – all roads lead to the Vysočina Region



Ždár carp

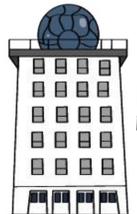


You can explore the Vysočina region on horseback or by bike



The legendary quark-and-cream dessert Pribináček

There are 17 hills over 800 metres high in the Ždár region, which is why the area is nicknamed the Crown of the Vysočina Region



Radar on Buchtův kopec Hill – one of three control towers for air traffic control

Gingerbread cookies come in different shapes depending on where they are baked – Pikárecké, Milovské, Sněženské



Fairytale Log Cabins – the Krátká Heritage Reserve and the Village of Křižánky



Pristine nature and springs with drinking water



845 km of horse riding trails



Skis not only for champions

Chudobín pine tree – European Tree of the Year 2020



Ferratas and Trails in the Vír



Eden Centre



The Vysočina Region is a true potato paradise

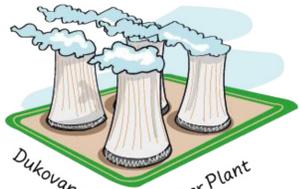


Mrkvance – sweet buns with carrot filling, baked for the Carrot festival in Polná



Mařenka and Jiřík

ZON Health Refreshing Drinks



Dukovany Nuclear Power Plant

The Sázava, Svratka, Doubravka, Jihlava, Želivka, Oslava, Chrudimka and Dyje rivers, which form the European watershed between the North Sea and the Black Sea, all have their source in the Vysočina region

You definitely won't get lost in the Vysočina Region!



Three towns with UNESCO World Heritage – Telč, Třebíč, Ždár nad Sázavou

The Vysočina region is a paradise for mushroom pickers

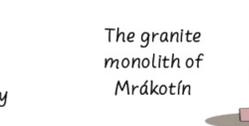


Pan Tau and the bowler hat greeting from Třešť



Bunny

Zachariáš of Hradec – enlightened owner of the Telč estate, had Telč rebuilt into its present form



The granite monolith of Mrákoťín



Gustav Mahler – composer



Karel Havlíček Borovský – journalist, writer



Large Pasque Flower, protected species



Protected spring snowflake sites

Main map of the Vysočina region with 52 numbered points of interest and various illustrations.



Horácko Glassmaking – UNESCO World Heritage



Golčův Jeníkov

Geographical centre of the Czech Republic

Glassworks Huť Jakuba Tásice

Ledeč nad Sázavou Castle

Stvořidla Nature Reserve

Lipnice nad Sázavou

Havlíčkův Brod

Orlík Castle above Humpolec

Dr. Aleš Hrdlička Museum Humpolec

Kámen Castle

Sedlice Dam

Pelhřimov

Křemešník

Želivka

Kamenice nad Lipou – Narrow-Gauge Railway

Obrataň

Kamenice nad Lipou

Druid Stone Circle

Žirovnice

Roštejn Castle

Přeseka Toy Car Museum

Telč, UNESCO World Heritage

Bohuslavice Farm

Biotop Jemnice

Jaroměřice nad Rokytnou

Fairy Tale Trail – Panenská

Grasel Trail Nové Syrovce

Jemča tea from Jemnice

Polná

Přibyslav Firefighting Museum

Přibyslav – Sázava Cycle Path

Ždár nad Sázavou, UNESCO World Heritage

Igráček

Doubrava River Valley

Železné hory Geopark (Iron Mountains)

Glassmaking in Vysočina

The 800-Metre Peaks of the Vysočina Region

Podlesíčko Fairytale Village

Vysočina Arena

A Journey in Search of Michal Olšiák's Sculptures

Ždár Hills House of Nature

Fajt's Hill

Rokštejn Castle Ruins

Třebíč, UNESCO World Heritage

Ocmanice Lookout Tower

Centrum Alternátor

Dalešice Dam

Hrotovice Museum

Outdoor resort Březová

Windmill

Velká Bíteš

Jinošov Game Reserve (Schönwald)

Mrkvance

Želivka

Oslava

Budišov Castle

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**10. ŽELEZNÉ HORY GEOPARK (IRON MOUNTAINS)** [www.chotebor.cz](http://www.chotebor.cz)  
Chotěboř serves as the gateway to the Železné hory Geopark. Near the grammar school, explore the “U Platanu” nature garden, where an outdoor rock exhibition takes you back to the history of the Earth.

**11. PŘIBYSLAV FIREFIGHTING MUSEUM** [www.chh.cz](http://www.chh.cz)  
Visit the Firefighting Museum in Přibyslav and discover how fires were fought in the past — and how they are extinguished today! Explore fire engines ranging from horse-drawn pumps to modern water cannons. Try on firefighting uniforms, meet St. Florian (the patron saint of firefighters), and don't forget to turn the wheel that activates the siren.



**12. GLASSMAKING IN VYSOČINA** [www.korunavysociny.cz](http://www.korunavysociny.cz)  
Glassmaking has a long tradition in the Vysočina region and is also listed as UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage. Here you can visit, for example, Karlov Glassworks, the U Hrocha Glassworks in Škrdlovice or the interactive gallery at the Milovy Glassworks.

**13. PŘIBYSLAV – SÁZAVA CYCLE PATH** [www.pribyslav.cz](http://www.pribyslav.cz)  
This nearly nine-kilometre trail follows an old railway line through the picturesque Sázava River valley. It's popular with both cyclists and inline skaters. The gentle slope makes it perfect for young riders, and you'll find plenty of viewpoints and rest stops along the way.

**26. JINOŠOV GAME RESERVE (SCHÖNWALD)** [www.jinosov.cz](http://www.jinosov.cz)  
Near Náměšť nad Oslavou lies the Jinošov game reserve, perfect for a peaceful walk through nature while observing fallow deer and other forest animals. Just remember — if you want to spot them, stay quiet.

**27. DALEŠICE DAM** [www.dalesickaprehrada.cz](http://www.dalesickaprehrada.cz)  
Take an unforgettable cruise on the Horácko boat across the Dalešice Reservoir. There are five stops where you can disembark, walk along the dam, relax by the water, explore surrounding villages, or spot water birds.

**28. HROTOVICE MUSEUM** [www.muzeumhrotovice.cz](http://www.muzeumhrotovice.cz)  
This interactive museum reveals what rural life looked like in the past — and makes it fun. Try tasks and puzzles where you can attempt traditional crafts or examine historical objects, all while learning fascinating details about the everyday life of our ancestors.



**29. OCMANICE LOOKOUT TOWER** [www.ocmanice.cz](http://www.ocmanice.cz)  
The observation tower, built above a water tower, has a unique shape resembling a Native American teepee. Although it stands only 15 metres high, it offers lovely views of the surrounding countryside. From here, plan a trip to Náměšť nad Oslavou and don't miss the local castle.

**42. JIHLAVA ZOO** [www.zoojihlava.cz](http://www.zoojihlava.cz)  
Jihlava Zoo features an impressive collection of felines, monkeys, and reptiles, including some of the world's smallest species such as pygmy hippos and marmosets. Animals from all five continents can be seen here. The zoo sits within a forest park and is enjoyable in any weather. Follow the path along the Jihlava River to reach Robinson Family Park and the Vodní ráj water park. In the city centre, visit the Vysočina Museum and climb the St. James viewing tower for a panoramic view of the city and the zoo. There's no chance of getting bored in Jihlava!



**43. ROŠTEJN CASTLE** [www.hrad-rostejn.cz](http://www.hrad-rostejn.cz)  
This fairytale castle hidden in the woods offers several guided tours. Its interactive exhibition on nature, hunting, and gamekeeping is perfect for families. On clear days, you can even see the Alps from the original seven-sided tower.



**44. GEOPARK VYSOČINA** [www.geoparkvysočina.cz](http://www.geoparkvysočina.cz)  
Welcome to a stonemason's paradise! In the Vysočina Geopark, granite appears at every turn, often in impressive formations such as Míchova Skála. You can also hike Javořice, the highest peak in the region, and enjoy a refreshing swim in Velký Pařezitý Pond.

**1. ČIHOŠŤ – GEOGRAPHICAL CENTRE OF THE REPUBLIC** [www.cihost.cz](http://www.cihost.cz)  
Vysočina region lies in the heart of the Czech Republic and connects Bohemia and Moravia. You will find two centres of the republic here – the geographical one in Čihošť and another in Golčův Jeníkov. Both are great places for a walk or family trip.

**2. GLASSWORKS HUŤ JAKUB TASICE** [www.sklarnatasice.cz](http://www.sklarnatasice.cz)  
Visit a traditional glassworks where you can watch glass being made from sand. A guide will show you around the entire workshop, and you can buy Christmas decorations in the shop as a souvenir of your visit. You'll also see demonstrations of historic glassmaking techniques.

**3. LEDEČ NAD SÁZAVOU CASTLE** [www.hrad-ledec.cz](http://www.hrad-ledec.cz)  
This historic rock-top castle features a teddy bear exhibition and the Jaroslav Foglar Museum. You'll also find a model glass furnace, a tower with a scenic view, hidden corners to explore, and a cosy café.

**4. STVOŘIDLA NATURE RESERVE** [www.ledecsko.cz](http://www.ledecsko.cz)  
Want an adventurous trip on the Sázava River? Rent a canoe, raft, or children's boat and ride the rapids. The river is calm here too, so you can cool off in the water or relax on the smooth round stones along the banks.

**5. LIPNICE NAD SÁZAVOU** [www.hrad-lipnice.cz](http://www.hrad-lipnice.cz)  
In the flooded quarries, you'll discover giant stone sculptures such as the Mouth of Truth, Golden Eyes, and Bretschneider's Ear. Stone masonry has deep roots in Lipnice. After your walk, climb up to the fairytale-like castle and enjoy views of the surrounding landscape.

**14. POLNÁ** [www.mesto-polna.cz](http://www.mesto-polna.cz)  
Enjoy a day at Peklo Pond with pedal boats, paddleboards, mini golf and a cable car. Zubejda from the fairy tale Lotrando and Zubejda “went to school” in Polná — her classroom is in the museum. Nearby, visit the Jewish quarter or the deanery church tower.

**15. IGRÁČEK** [www.efko.cz](http://www.efko.cz)  
Along with Bunny, you'll also spot Mařenka and Jiřík — small Igráček figurines who guide you through the Vysočina Region. Igráček is a beloved Czech toy line made right here in Vysočina by the EFKO company in Nové Veselí, which also produces board games, memory games, and kits for children.

**16. ŽDÁR NAD SÁZAVOU, UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE** [www.zdarns.cz](http://www.zdarns.cz)  
At Ždár Castle, explore a museum of games, stories, and also monastery history. Discover Santini's varied cipher and the Church of St. John of Nepomuk at Zelená hora. At Pílská Reservoir, kids can enjoy playgrounds, climbing, and mini golf. Don't miss the lion and eagle statue — marking the meeting of Bohemia and Moravia. Train fans will love the Model Kingdom with railway displays, including the Pendolino high-speed train.

**17. PODLEŠÍČKO FAIRYTALE VILLAGE** [www.pohadkova-vesnicka.cz](http://www.pohadkova-vesnicka.cz)  
This magical village offers 10 fairy-tale cottages where you can stay — from Snow White and Little Red Riding Hood to Rákosníček, Rumcajs, or Cipísek. Enjoy the enchanting atmosphere, meet fairy-tale characters, discover their stories, and join games and activities for children and adults. Moments full of imagination and fun.

**30. BUDIŠOV CASTLE** [www.mzm.cz/zamek-budisov](http://www.mzm.cz/zamek-budisov)  
Budišov Castle hosts a vast collection of animals and hunting trophies from around the world. You can brush up on your natural history knowledge and see birds, mammals, fish and amphibians from many different environments.



**31. TŘEBÍČ, UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE** [www.visittrebic.eu](http://www.visittrebic.eu)  
Experience a journey through time in Předzámčí and try ancient crafts in this medieval town. Visit the mysterious underground vault of the neighbouring basilica, play in the Labyrinth playroom, or explore the Alternator technical centre. Třebíč also has its own historic windmill — a must-see! And you can finish the day by letting off steam at the Laguna Aquapark.

**32. JAROMĚŘICE NAD ROKYTNOU** [www.zamek-jaromerice.cz](http://www.zamek-jaromerice.cz)  
The local nobility built this magnificent Baroque castle and its vast gardens, inspired by the Palace of Versailles. Along with the castle tour, you can enjoy an accessible exhibition of toys from your great-grandparents' time — dolls, teddy bears, prams, dollhouses, toy kitchens, steam engines, model trains, building sets, and much more.

**33. GRASEL TRAIL NOVÉ SYROVICE** [www.grasel.eu](http://www.grasel.eu)  
This circular trail near Nové Sýrovce takes you in the footsteps of the robber Johann Georg Grasel. Walk through his hideouts and mysterious forest structures. The trail is marked with a yellow “G” in a circle. Afterwards, stop by the Neo-Renaissance castle in Sýrovce.



**45. ŽIROVNICE** [www.zirovnice.cz](http://www.zirovnice.cz)  
Explore rural traditions and craftsmanship in the exhibition housed in the former granary at Žirovnice Castle. See historical agricultural tools and a stunning ceramic nativity scene with more than 700 figures depicting village life through the seasons. Žirovnice Castle also boasts the largest fresco decoration in Bohemia. Don't miss the local brewery, where you'll find an exhibition on button-making, mother-of-pearl, and brewing.

**46. DRUID STONE CIRCLE** [www.katerinaresort.cz](http://www.katerinaresort.cz)  
Nicknamed the Czech Stonehenge, this stone circle is made up of 33 stones arranged in a perfect circle with a circumference of 108 metres. Enjoy a walk to the nearby springs that gave the town of Počátky (“Beginnings”) its name — a charming stop you shouldn't miss.

**47. KŘEMEŠNÍK** [www.hotelkremesnik.cz](http://www.hotelkremesnik.cz)  
Křemešník offers a rope centre with 28 obstacles, ranging from a children's course to high ropes 10 metres above the ground. Spend the day exploring the nature trail, visiting magical springs, climbing the Pipalka lookout tower, enjoying the playroom, or exploring The Wind Chateau. The nearby pilgrimage church of the Holy Trinity is worth a visit.

**6. DR. ALEŠ HRDLÍČKA MUSEUM, HUMPOLEC** [www.infohumpolec.cz](http://www.infohumpolec.cz)  
Curious about anthropology? The museum in Humpolec features an exhibition with a Neanderthal. If you enjoy being creative, stop by the 8smička gallery for workshops. Afterwards, head outdoors for disc golf in Podhradí or climb the Orlík Castle lookout tower for a stunning view.

**7. ORLÍK CASTLE ABOVE HUMPOLEC** [www.castrum.cz](http://www.castrum.cz)  
Climb the tower at Orlík Castle, added in 2014, and enjoy beautiful panoramic views. In summer, the Middle Ages come alive here with swordsmen, music, and historical performances. You can also try baking pancakes and recall the fairy tale ‘How Princesses Wake Up.’

**8. HAVLÍČKŮV BROD** [tic.muhb.cz](http://tic.muhb.cz)  
The house of Karel Havlíček Borovský, the Vysočina Regional Museum, Štáflova bašta, and the church observation tower — all of this awaits in Havlíčkův Brod. Kids will love the climbing frames in Budoucnost Park. And if you're into cycling, skateboarding, or scootering, the town has both a skatepark and a pump track right next to each other.

**9. DOUBRAVA RIVER VALLEY** [www.icchotebor.cz](http://www.icchotebor.cz)  
Take on an adventurous trek through the Doubrava River canyon, complete with waterfalls and steep slopes. You'll climb, jump across rocks, and experience the river from up close. Follow the educational trail and discover fascinating facts along the way. One of the most beautiful spots in the Vysočina Region!

**18. ŽDÁR HILLS HOUSE OF NATURE** [www.dumprrody.cz/zdarskevvrchy](http://www.dumprrody.cz/zdarskevvrchy)  
In the heart of the Ždár Hills, you'll find the House of Nature. This playful exhibition inside a beautifully preserved 19th-century farmhouse entertains visitors of all ages. Through pictures, models, and animals, you'll see how the landscape has changed over time.

**19. CYKLO ARENA VYSOČINA** [www.vysocina.bike](http://www.vysocina.bike)  
The Vysočina Cycling Arena offers 30 km of trails — from easy children's paths to extreme black routes. There's also a pump track and accessible trails for disabled cyclists. In winter, enjoy cross-country skiing or head to Harusův kopec for downhill slopes.

**20. A JOURNEY IN SEARCH OF MICHAL OLŠIAK'S SCULPTURES** [www.korunavysociny.cz](http://www.korunavysociny.cz)  
In Vysočina, you might come across a dragon, a mammoth, or even a giant bison. The landscape is dotted with enormous concrete sculptures by Michal Olšiak — so lifelike you can climb on them and take photos.

**21. FERRATAS AND TRAILS IN THE VÍR** [www.udolisvratky.cz](http://www.udolisvratky.cz)  
An adrenaline-filled adventure awaits beneath the Vír Dam. Try rock climbing and thrilling descents along the Vír trails. In winter, you can even climb a frozen ice wall. Alongside the sporting challenges, admire the towering dam, beautiful nature, and sweeping views of the Svatka Valley.

**34. FAIRY TALE TRAIL – PANENSKÁ** [www.pohadkova.panenska.cz](http://www.pohadkova.panenska.cz)  
Just 7 km from Jemnice, you can enjoy the fairy-tale “Journey of the Little Man.” The trail is lined with wooden sculptures of fairy-tale characters and filled with playful tasks and magical experiences along the way.

**35. BIOTOP JEMNICE** [www.biotop.jemnice.cz](http://www.biotop.jemnice.cz)  
In Jemnice, you'll find a natural swimming pool — a biotope where water is cleaned only by plants and small organisms. Swim all day, slide down the long waterslide, or play in the paddling pool. The surrounding grassy areas are perfect for relaxing or running around, and the water is so clean that even people with allergies can enjoy it.

**36. BOHUSLAVICE FARM** [www.hospodarskydvur.cz](http://www.hospodarskydvur.cz)  
In Bohuslavice, you can sleep in a birdhouse filled with nesting boxes, a log cabin, or even on a traditional stove! Enjoy a delicious breakfast in the morning, and spend the day exploring. The mini-zoo is home to llamas, donkeys, and peacocks, and on the farm you can meet goats and horses. There's also a playground and plenty of space for the whole family.

**37. TELČ, UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE** [www.telc.eu](http://www.telc.eu)  
A fairytale castle and square welcome you to Telč, a filming location for many movies. Visit the Telč underground, the Telč House with gnomes, the rope centre, or the Animal Playroom in Panský dvůr. Cycle along the Lipky trail to the singletrack park. And don't miss a boat ride on the pond with a picture-perfect view of the castle and historic town.

**48. PELHŘÍMOV** [www.pelhrimovsko.cz](http://www.pelhrimovsko.cz)  
Pelhřímov is the town of records — inside the Jihlava Gate you'll find the only Museum of Records in Central Europe. On the square, visit Hell and the Museum of Ghosts, or explore a real film studio in MÚZY Lipských. Don't forget to carry the stuffed goats Róza and Réza up the tower of St. Bartholomew's Church — you'll be helping to set yet another record.

**49. SEDLICE DAM** [www.infohumpolec.cz](http://www.infohumpolec.cz)  
Three dams lie near the Želiv Monastery — Sedlická, Trnávka, and Vřesník. You can link them together on a scenic walking route or a bike ride. Trnávka features a water slalom channel that hosts exciting competitions. For culture and refreshments, head to the monastery complex in Želiv.

**50. KÁMEN CASTLE** [www.hradkamen.cz](http://www.hradkamen.cz)  
Alongside traditional castle tours, Kámen Castle features an exhibition of single-track vehicles, mainly the iconic JAWA and ČZ motorcycles. Examine historic bikes up close and discover their unique details. The large adjoining garden, filled with old oaks and lime trees, is a peaceful place to relax or enjoy a picnic with views of the castle towers.

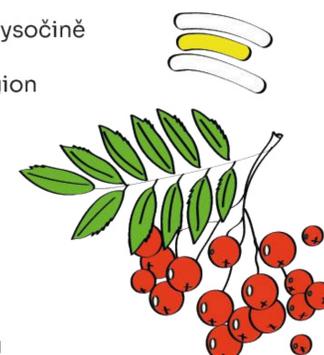


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**22. EDEN CENTRE** [www.centrumeden.cz](http://www.centrumeden.cz)  
This educational and entertainment centre lets you experience rural life of the past while exploring modern eco-friendly innovations. Children will love the Story of the Soil with its giant molehill. In the Horácká Village, try your hand at traditional crafts, and don't miss a visit to the local farm.

**23. WESTERN TOWN OF ŠIKLŮV MLÝN** [www.sikland.cz](http://www.sikland.cz)  
Experience authentic cowboy life near Bystřice nad Pernštejnem. Try gold panning, lasso throwing, bull riding and other western-style activities. The programme also includes theatre shows and themed events that complete the atmosphere.



**24. FAJT'S HILL** [www.skivm.cz](http://www.skivm.cz)  
Enjoy great skiing in winter and climb the lookout tower in summer. The tower's modern curved design offers stunning views of the countryside and Velké Meziříčí. Below it stands the Vysočina Bridge — the highest bridge on the entire D1 motorway.

**25. VELKÁ BÍTEŠ** [www.bitesko.com](http://www.bitesko.com)  
On festive occasions, people in the Horácko region (part of today's Vysočina) traditionally wore folk costumes. Every year at the turn of spring and summer, the “Little Queens' Rounds” folklore festival brings these costumes to life in Velká Bíteš. Here you can see the traditional dress of Horácko in action.

**38. OUTDOOR RESORT BŘEZOVÁ** [www.brezova.istan.cz](http://www.brezova.istan.cz)  
Outdoor Resort Březová near Třebíč is the largest adventure park in Czechia — a paradise for children! A medieval climbing tower, pirate trail with a toboggan, giant trampoline, children's castle and many more attractions await.

**39. ROKŠTEJN CASTLE RUINS** [www.brtnice.cz](http://www.brtnice.cz)  
The romantic ruins of this once-mighty castle are easily accessible on foot, by bike, or even with a pram. A great family outing awaits on the hill above the picturesque valley of the Brtnice River.

**40. “GETTING TO KNOW THE BORY FORESTS” EDUCATIONAL TRAIL** [www.bory.cz](http://www.bory.cz)  
Bory offers an educational trail full of interesting features. Along the route, you'll pass ponds, an old water pump, a geopark, a sundial, and the unique “Ear of the Forest.” The area is known for deposits of rare minerals, including rose quartz and sapphire. The trail also introduces local legends about wild women and forest spirits.

**41. PŘÍSEKA TOY CAR MUSEUM** [www.muzeumauticek.cz](http://www.muzeumauticek.cz)  
More than 11,000 toy cars from Czechia, Slovakia, and beyond fill four floors of the former castle. You'll also see wooden toys, board games, dolls, and toy kitchens — fun for visitors of all ages. After the tour, relax in the café and pick up a model car as a souvenir.

**51. KAMENICE NAD LIPOU CASTLE** [www.upm.cz/zamek-kamenice-nad-lipou](http://www.upm.cz/zamek-kamenice-nad-lipou)  
Kamenice nad Lipou is a paradise for toy lovers. Discover dolls, dollhouses, rocking horses, toy soldiers, building sets, and games that entertained children in the past century. Fans of toy cars will enjoy the extensive Matchbox collection.

**52. KAMENICE NAD LIPOU – NARROW-GAUGE RAILWAY** [www.uzkokolejky.cz](http://www.uzkokolejky.cz)

Experience the charm of historic rail travel on the narrow-gauge railway in Kamenice nad Lipou. Enjoy a picturesque ride through fields, forests, and old railway stations — a memorable journey for travellers of all ages.



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