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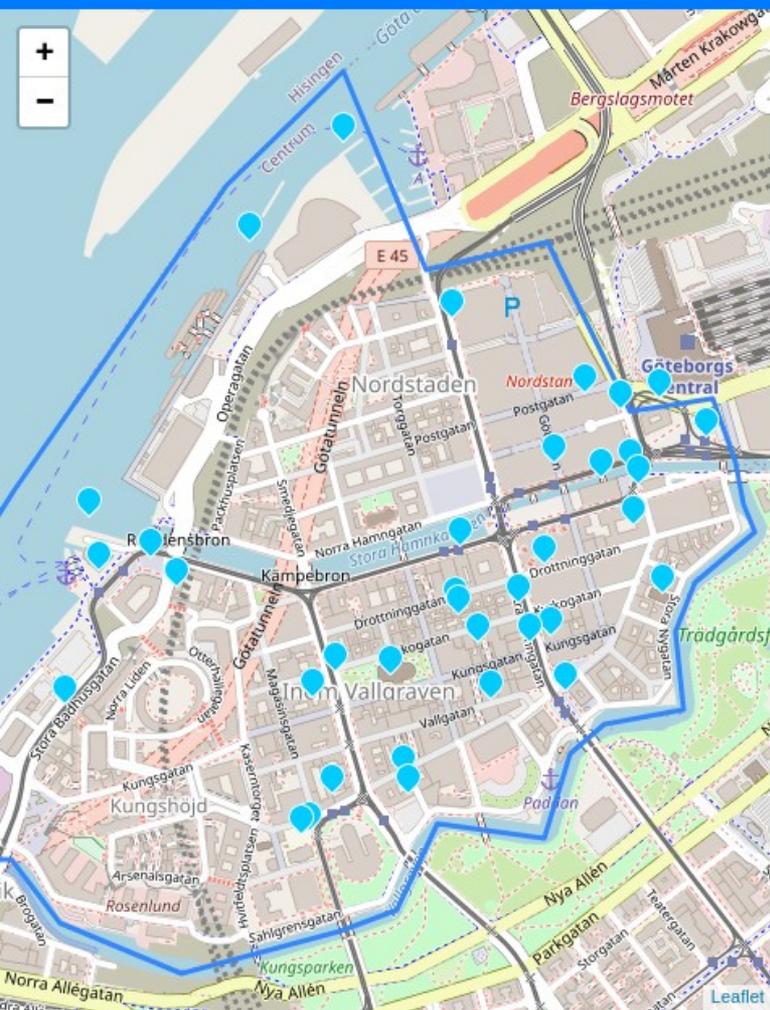
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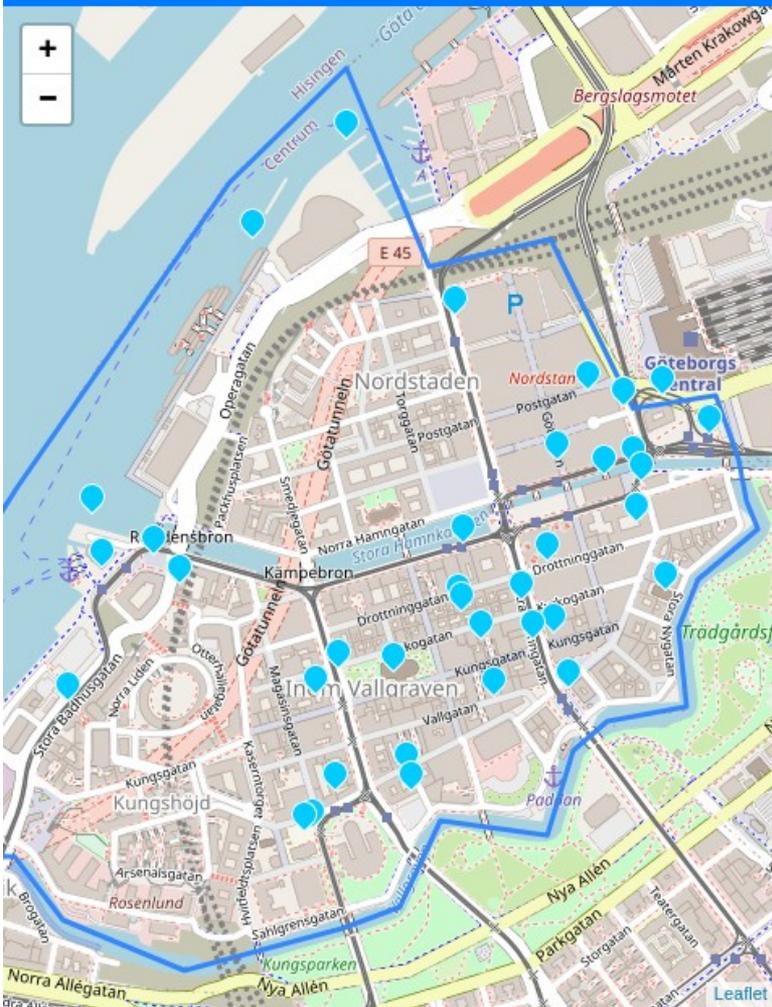
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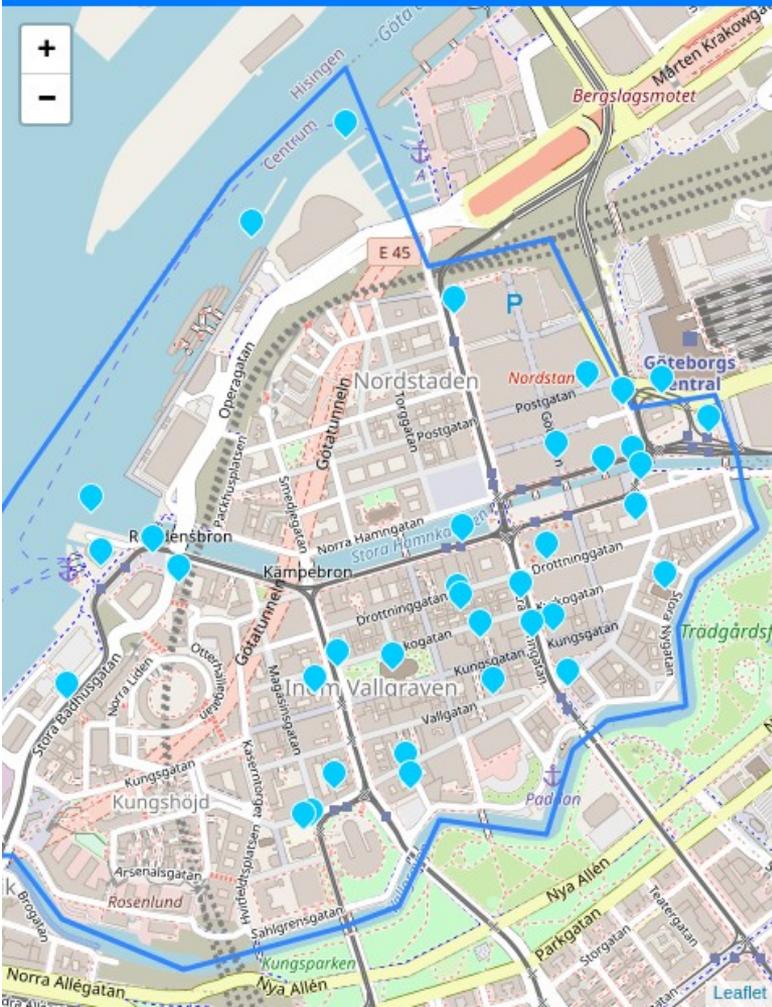
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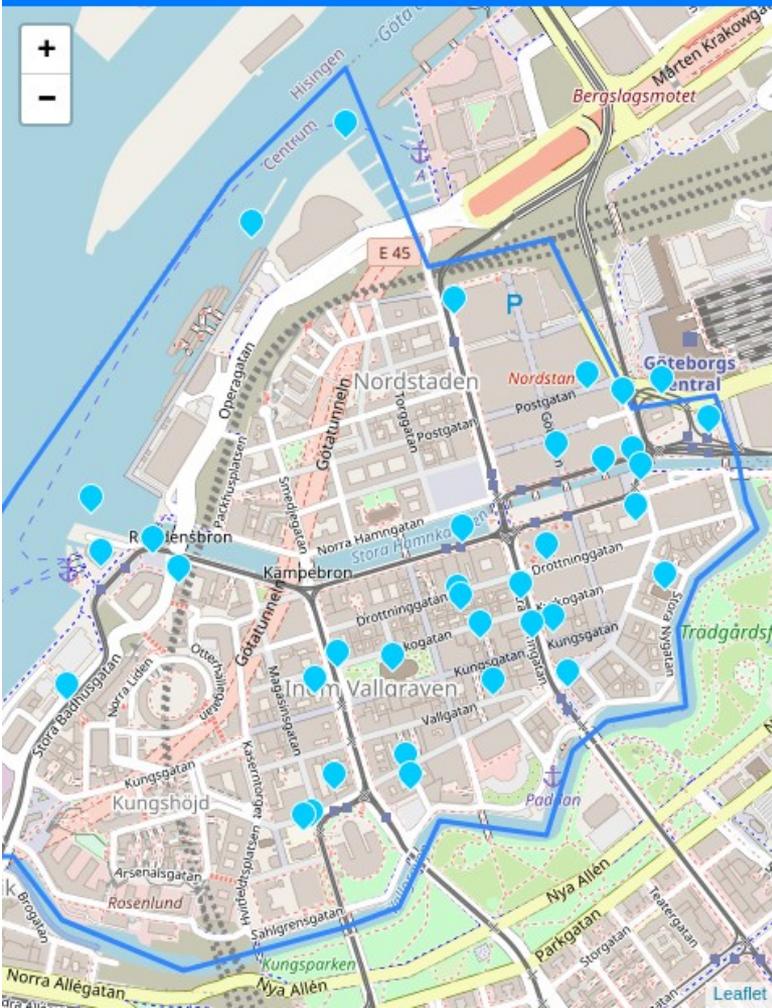
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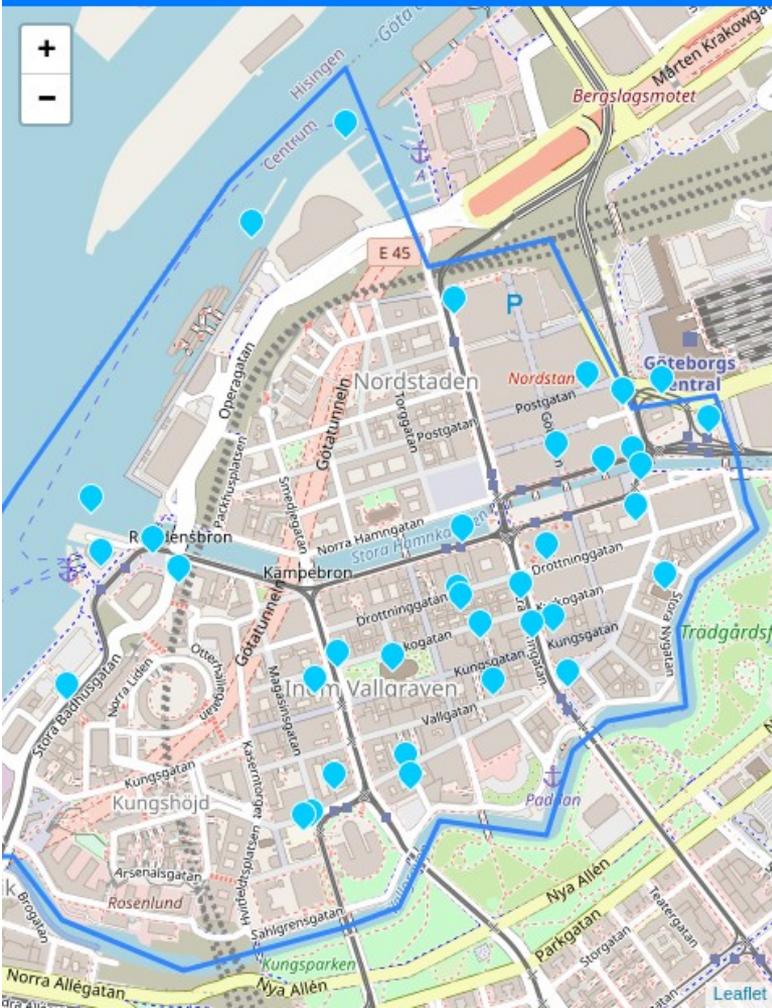
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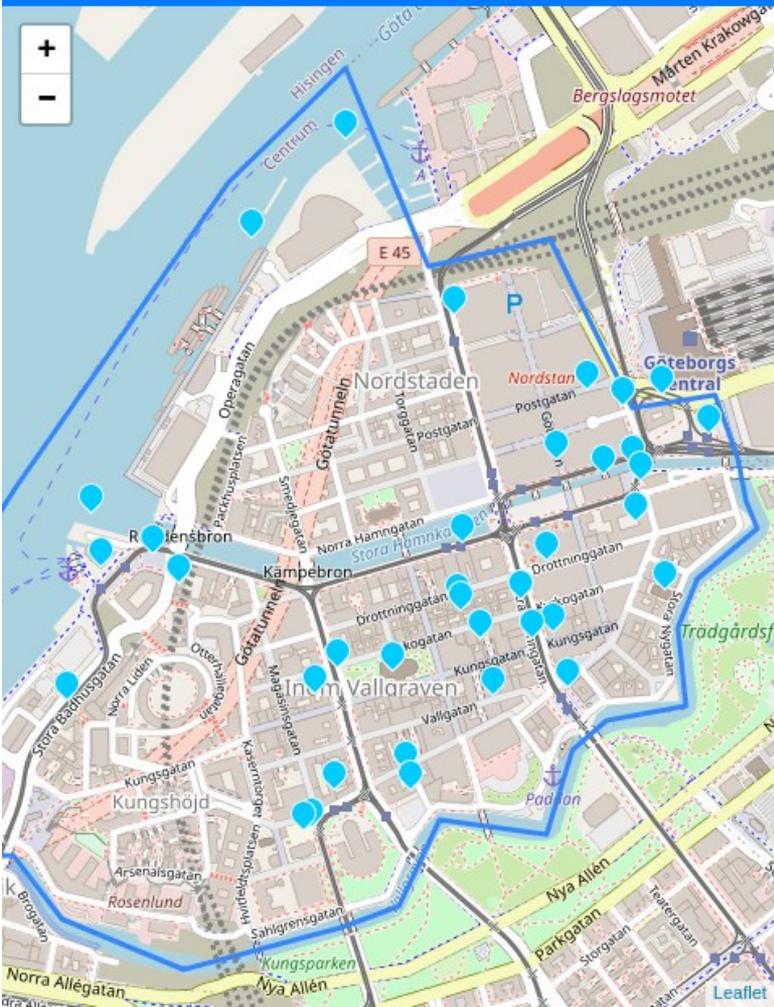
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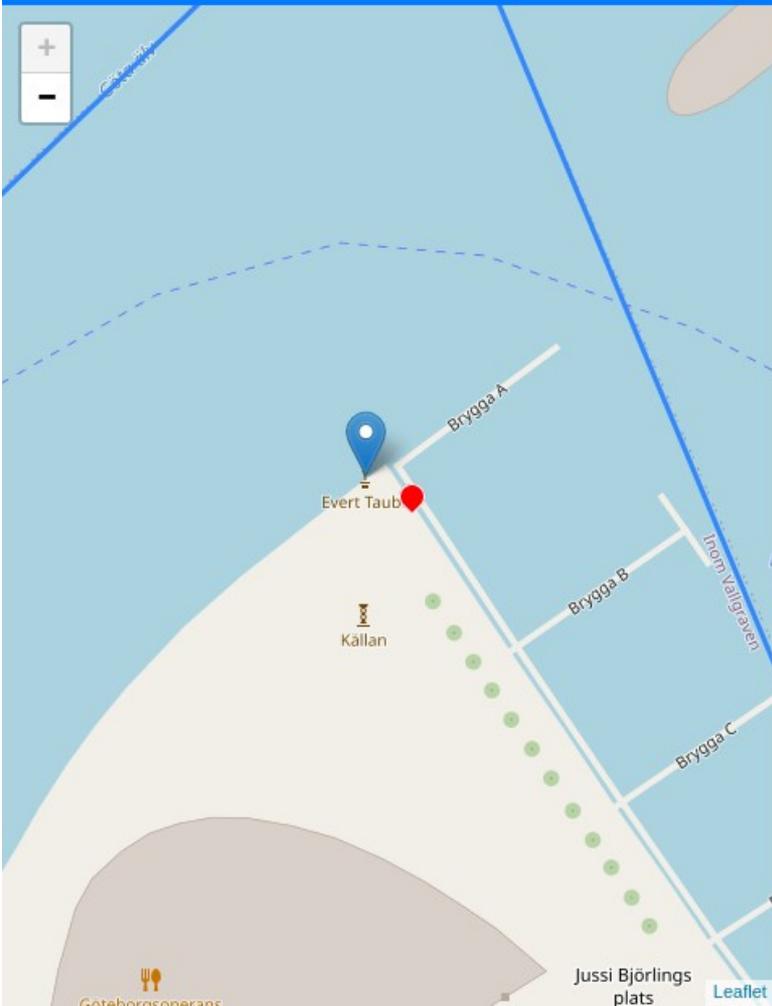
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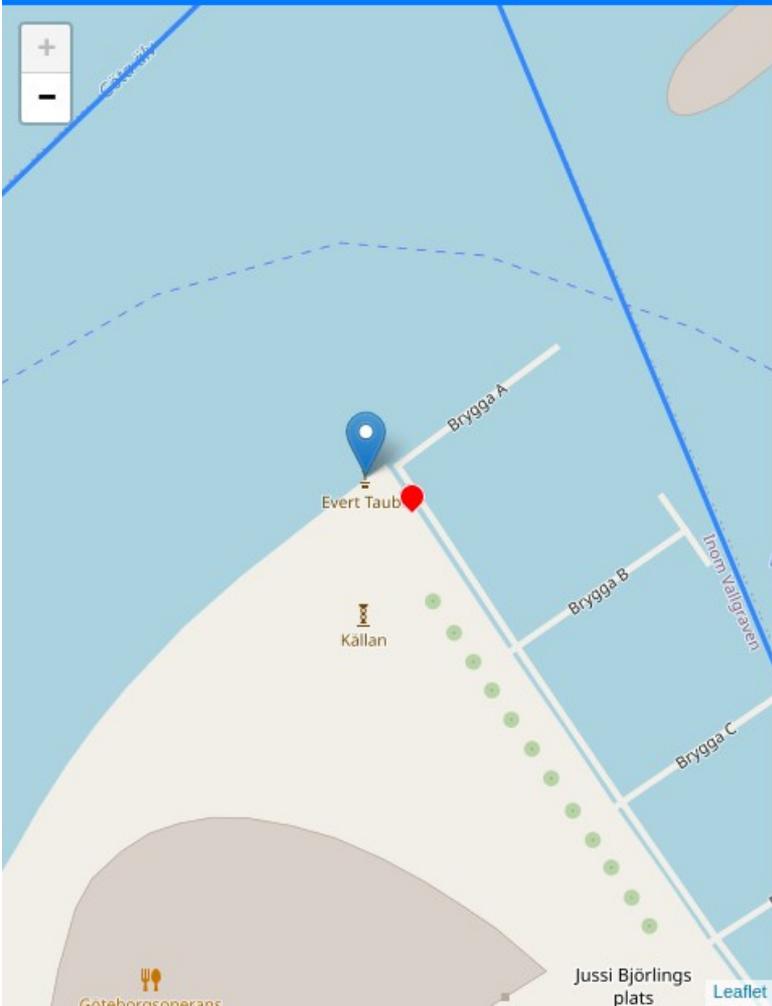
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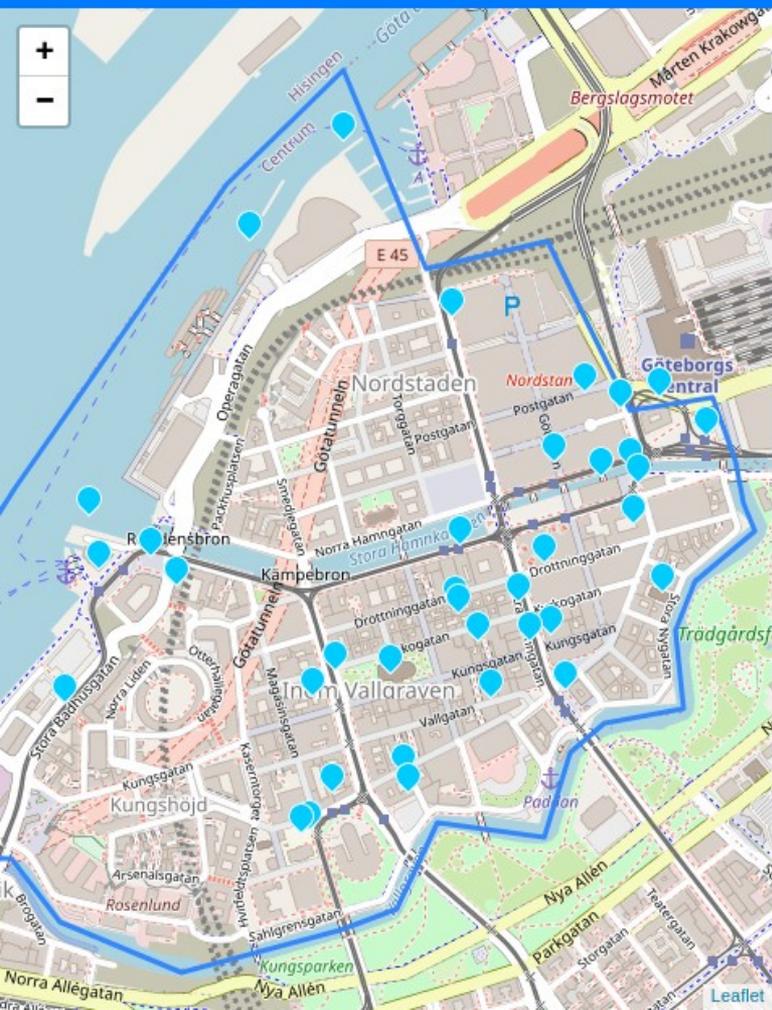
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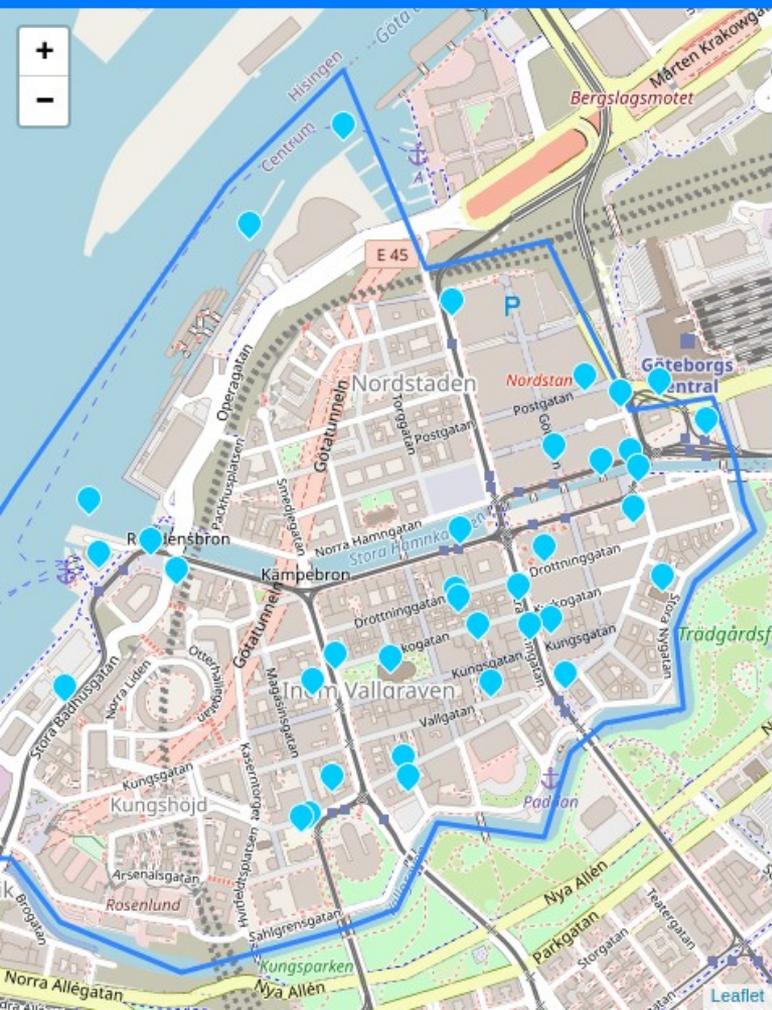
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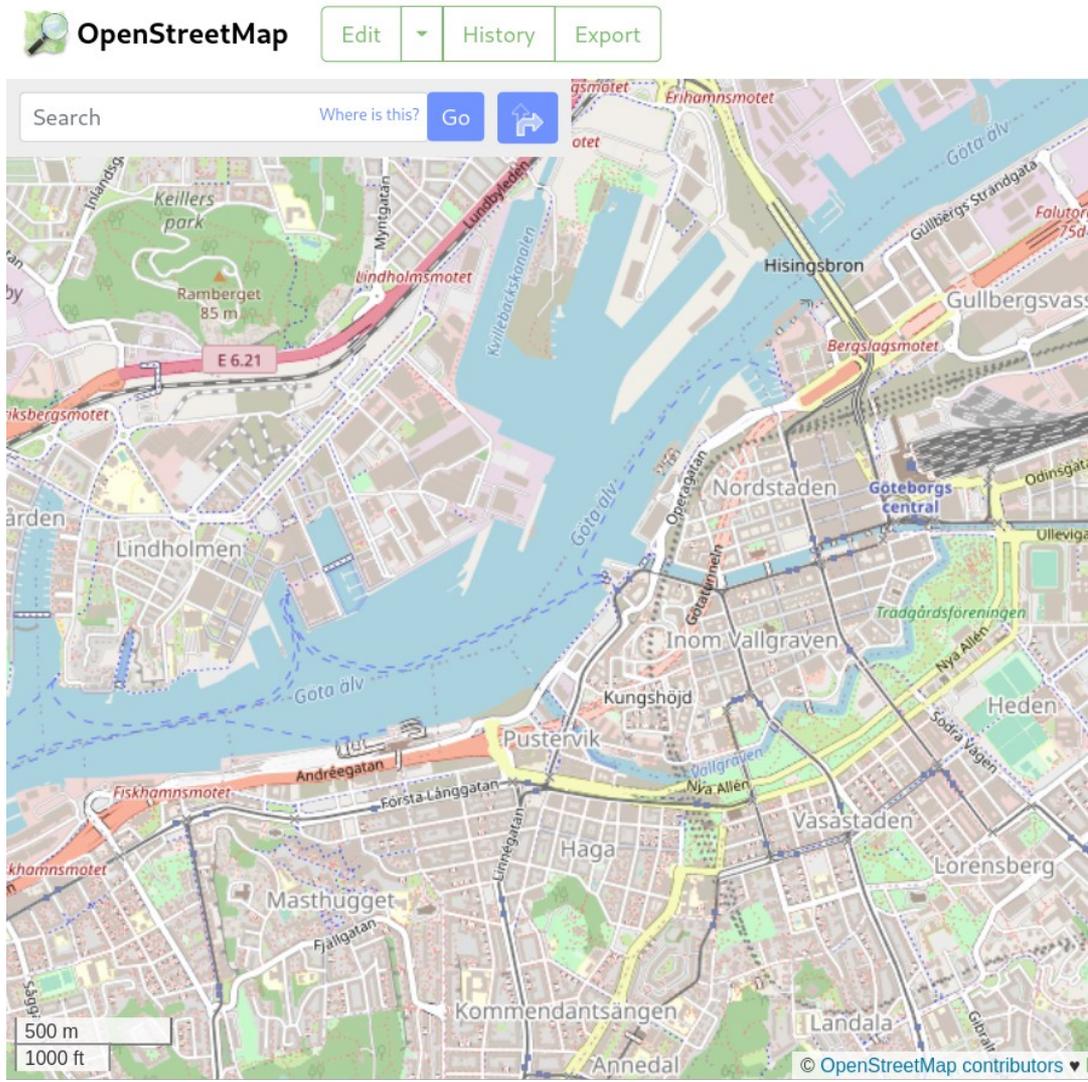
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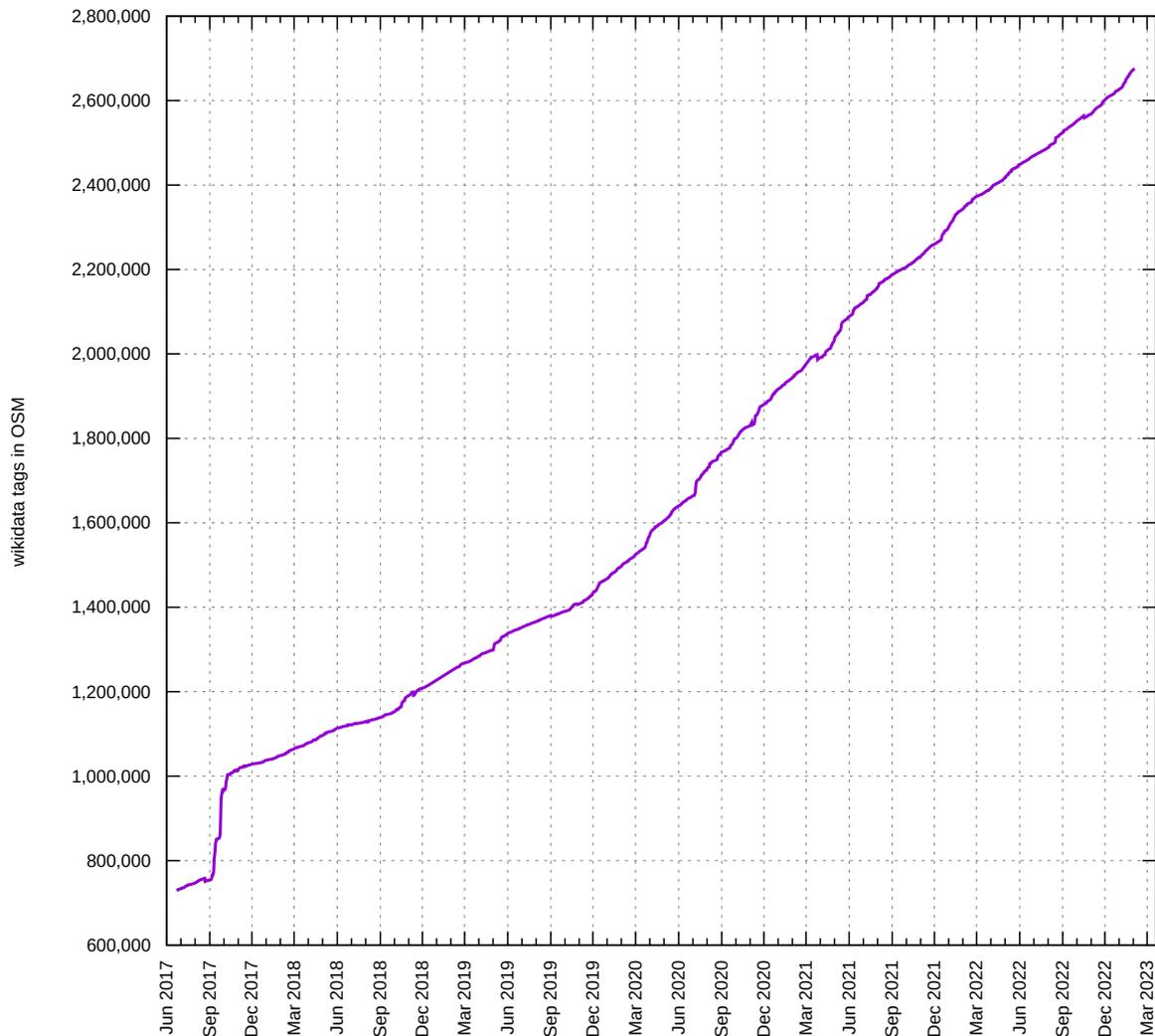


Statistics



Tag count

There are 2,675,380
objects with a
'wikidata' tag in
OpenStreetMap



Mappers are using the tool

Mappers

402

Number of people who have
used the tool to edit OSM

Changesets

23k

Uploaded to OpenStreetMap

Wikidata tags added

687k

Things that have been
matched

Added by this tool

26%

Percent of wikidata tags in
OSM added by this tool



Matching criteria





☑ Statue of Evert Taube, Lilla Bommen (Q10492793)

item type: **sculpture** [show on map](#) [Wikidata](#) [↗](#)

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27 m from Wikidata [name match](#)

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OpenStreetMap tags

key	value	
name	Evert Taube	3 name matches
tourism	artwork	item type tag matches
artist_name	Eino Hanski	
artwork_type	statue	

Statue of Evert Taube, Lilla Bommen (Q10492793)

Item [Discussion](#)

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Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	Statue of Evert Taube, Lilla Bommen	No description defined	

Statements

[instance of](#) sculpture [edit](#)

[+ add value](#)

[image](#)  [edit](#)

[Hanski taube01.JPG](#)
870 × 1,000; 129 KB

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sculpture (Q860861)

Item Discussion

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three-dimensional work of art

edit

sculptures | piece of sculpture | sculptural work

Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	sculpture	three-dimensional work of art	sculptures piece of sculpture sculptural work

Statements

subclass of	visual artwork	edit
	0 references	+ add reference

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Statements

subclass of	visual artwork	edit
	0 references	+ add reference

visual artwork (Q4502142)

Item Discussion

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work of art that is primarily visual
art image

 edit

Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	visual artwork	work of art that is primarily visual	art image

Statements

subclass of	 work of art	 edit
	▼ 0 references	+ add reference
	 visual work	 edit

visual artwork (Q4502142)

Item [Discussion](#)

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work of art that is primarily visual
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[edit](#)

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Statements

subclass of



work of art

[edit](#)

▼ 0 references

[+ add reference](#)



visual work

[edit](#)



work of art (Q838948)



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aesthetic item or artistic creation

 [edit](#)

[artwork](#) | [piece of art](#) | [art work](#) | [art object](#) | [art piece](#) | [artistic work](#)



Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	work of art	aesthetic item or artistic creation	

Statements

instance of	 concept  edit
	0 references  add reference
	add value

on focus list of Wikimedia project



Open Culture / GLAM Glossary

edit

+ [add value](#)

category for eponymous categories



Q113509590

edit

+ [add value](#)

OpenStreetMap tag or key



Tag:tourism=artwork

edit

+ [add value](#)

exact match



<http://purl.org/spar/fabio/ArtisticWork>

edit

+ [add value](#)

partially coincident with



collectible

reason for deprecated rank

does not always apply

edit





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artwork_type statue

OpenStreetMap and Wikidata matching criteria

- entity type AND
- coordinates AND
- name OR
street address OR
identifier



Entity type

Railway station

Coordinates

57.709° N, 11.973° E

Name

Göteborgs centralstation

Identifier

UIC station code: 7400002



Entity type

Lighthouse

Coordinates

57.709° N, 11.973° E

Name

Vinga lighthouse

Identifier

Admiralty number: C0565



Match on identifier

- Railway station code
- IATA airport code
- ICAO airport code
- FAA airport code
- ISO 3166-2 country code
- NRHP reference number
- FIPS 6-4 (US counties)
- FIPS 5-2 (code for US states)
- USGS GNIS ID
- IBNR ID
- National Heritage List for England number
- UK Government Statistical Service code
- EDUBase URN
- Admiralty number (lighthouse)
- Website

Not using Wikipedia tags to find matches

- Sometimes wrong
- Less interesting problem
- Expected somebody else to
- Plan to do it eventually



Licenses



Different licenses

- Wikidata is licensed CC0 or Public Domain
- OpenStreetMap uses the Open Database License (OdbL)
- Copying data from OpenStreetMap to Wikidata would violate the OdbL



Different intellectual property jurisdiction

- OpenStreetMap asserts database rights which exist under European law
- Wikidata operates under US intellectual property rules
- Facts are not protected in US law



Stable identifiers



OpenStreetMap

- To link we need stable identifiers
- OSM doesn't have stable identifiers
- They have been discussed on the OSM Wiki since 2017
- The existing IDs are stable enough



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Permanent ID



This is a work in progress, feel free to improve, correct, or suggest ideas on the discussion page

A concept of a "permanent ID" (or [Persistent Place Identifier](#)) has been frequently floated in the discussions. This page attempts to document the expectations and [requirements](#) for such features.

A permanent ID is some [opaque string](#), whose value will always represent the same OSM feature, such as a street, a building, a country outline, or a [point of interest](#) (POI). The ID must remain valid even if the country outline geometry is changed, a POI gets renamed, or if the street gets split into multiple segments — in this case the ID itself can't group the segments, but generates a suggestion to group all with a relation that will preserve the ID instead of the first segment.

The *Permanent ID* represents a "concept"

As editors improve data, any aspect of that data may change. A restaurant node POI may become a building or a relation, and its name may be corrected. A single way representing a street may be split into multiple ways due to a partial speed restriction, or may become two ways separated by a divider. The ID must still point to the original "concept".

Consequently, not every OSM feature needs to have a Permanent ID.

This Permanent ID characteristic is closed with POI concept, [linked data](#) concept, "[One feature, one OSM element](#)" principle and the [Wikidata-tag](#) attribution process.

Support ID resolution

Duplicates happen and other "official names" are welcome. As data gets corrected, multiple Permanent IDs may be discovered to represent the same concept, and should be merged. Yet, both IDs must remain, and point to the same feature.

Other popular [identification authorities](#) like ISO, Geonames and Wikidata, or official authorities (country-specific like [IBGE ID](#)) have its proper IDs that will be good synonyms for the Permanent IDs. All valid references (the "merged Permanent IDs" and the "external



Wikidata

- Designed to have stable identifiers
- Turns out the Wikidata QIDs can change
- Wikidata includes duplicates, when they are merged one item is replaced with a redirect
- There are over 10,000 wikidata tags in OSM that point at redirects in Wikidata



Help:Redirects

Shortcut: WD:R

Help page Discussion

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Translate this page

For sitelinks to Wikimedia redirect pages, see *Help:Sitelinks#Linking to Wikimedia site pages*.

Other languages: Bahasa Indonesia British English Deutsch English Frysk Nederlands bosanski català dansk español français polski português português do Brasil suomi svenska čeština беларуская (тарашкевіца) русский українська հայերեն العربية فارسی 中文 日本語 粵語



It is **proposed** that this informational page become a **policy or guideline**. Please see the discussion on its talk page or the project chat. The following is a **proposed Wikidata policy or guideline**. The proposal may still be in development, under discussion, or in the process of gathering consensus for adoption.



This page in a nutshell: Redirects are used to provide stable identifiers. They should not be deleted; links to them are cleaned up automatically. Use merge tools to create them.

Redirects in Wikidata are basically the same as redirects of normal wiki pages. However, they have a slightly different meaning and intention. The main reason why we need redirects is because we want to provide stable identifiers.

Creating redirects [\[edit \]](#)

Redirects are generally created when using tools to [merge](#) items. Please use these whenever possible.

Redirects could also be created using [Special:RedirectEntity](#) or the 'wbcreateredirect' api module.

Use cases [\[edit \]](#)

Redirects usually get created when two items are [merged](#). This will happen when some user recognizes that they describe the same subject. If one item gets merged into another one, this item is useless and presumably can be deleted. However, there might still be references to this item's id, either from within Wikidata or even from other webpages. Therefore, we need a way to tell them that the same concept can now be found in the other item. This is what redirects do.

For instance, similar to Wikipedia when [en:Haiti](#) redirects to [en:Haiti](#), [Category:1911 in Morocco \(Q18511155\)](#) redirects to [Category:1911 in Morocco \(Q9404406\)](#) (because some time in the past, two items had been created to represent the same concept, and they were merged, leaving a redirect).

Rules for redirecting [\[edit \]](#)

Redirecting is the preferred result of solving real duplicates after they got merged, where due to some error one or more site links are found in one or more items. [Administrators](#) should not delete one item and leave the other but turn one into a redirect to the other

Wikidata

- OpenStreetMap ID properties added one month ago
- Tool needs updating to start adding these statements to Wikidata

Identifiers

BabelNet ID	03401352n	edit
	▶ 1 reference	
		+ add value

Freebase ID	/m/0f7crl	edit
	▼ 0 references	
		+ add reference
		+ add value

OpenStreetMap way ID	41530300	edit
	▼ 0 references	
		+ add reference
		+ add value

Swedish Open Cultural Heritage URI	raa/bbra/21320000029640	edit
	▶ 1 reference	
		+ add value

+ add statement



Problems with automatic matching

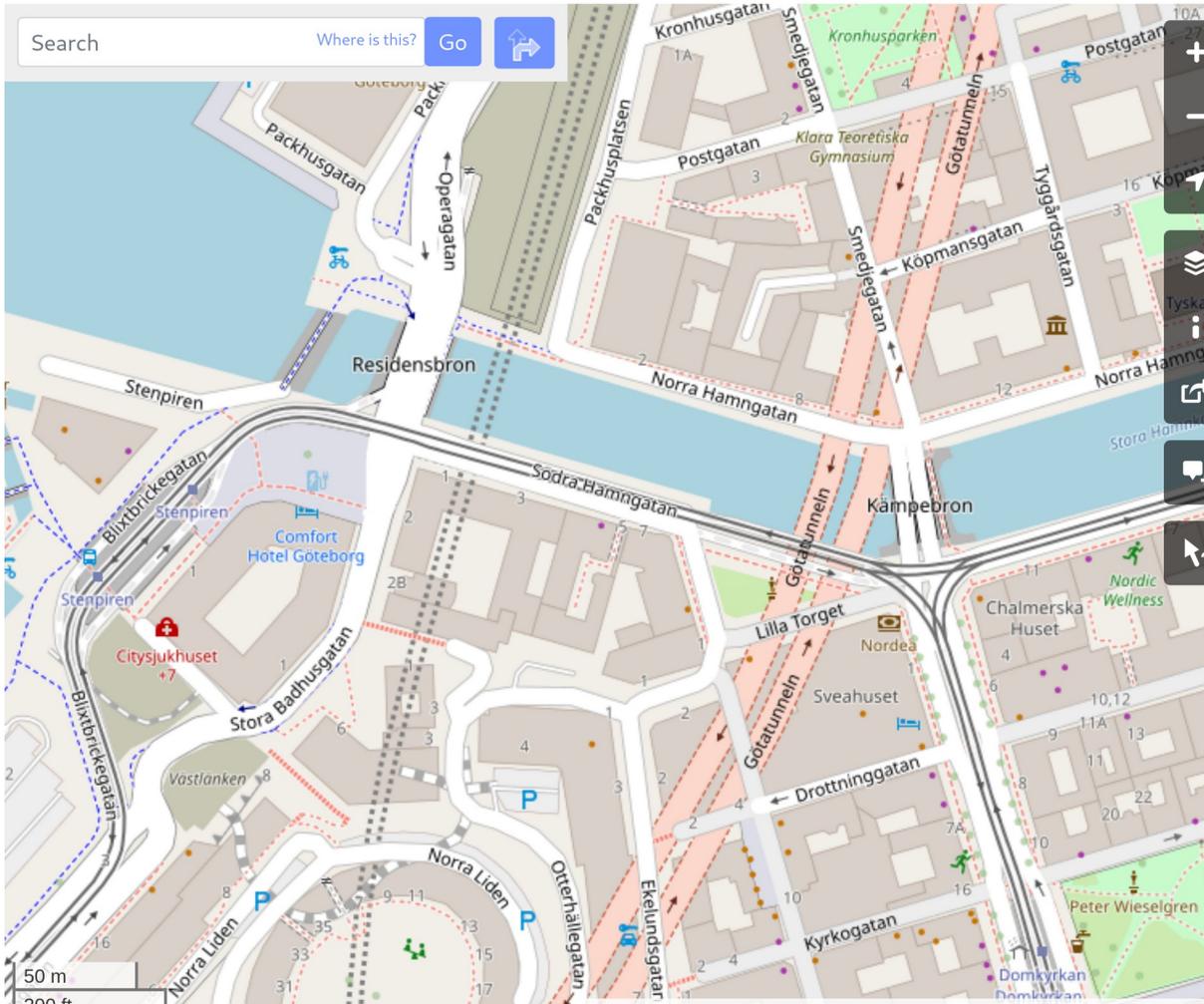


Götatunneln

Tunnels are a single item in Wikidata

In OSM tunnels are two ways, one for each direction of traffic or tunnel bore

The software should be changed to recognise tunnels and add the Wikidata tag to both ways



Building or institution



Where is this?
Go


Relation: City Museum of Gothenburg (1136809)

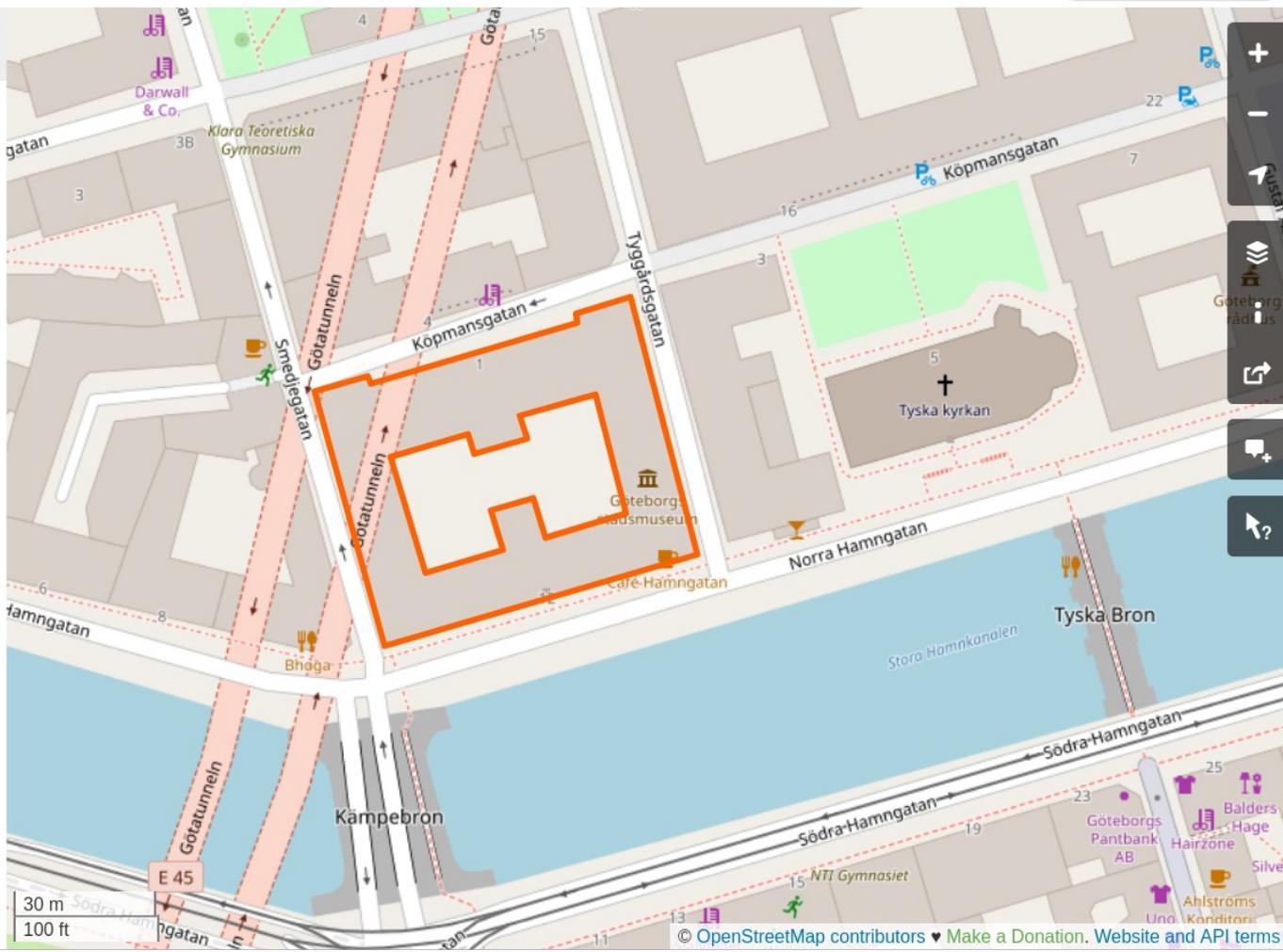
Version #7

åtgärd (korr eller radering) av trasiga webadresser

Edited 4 months ago by [archie](#)
 Changeset #130885708

Tags

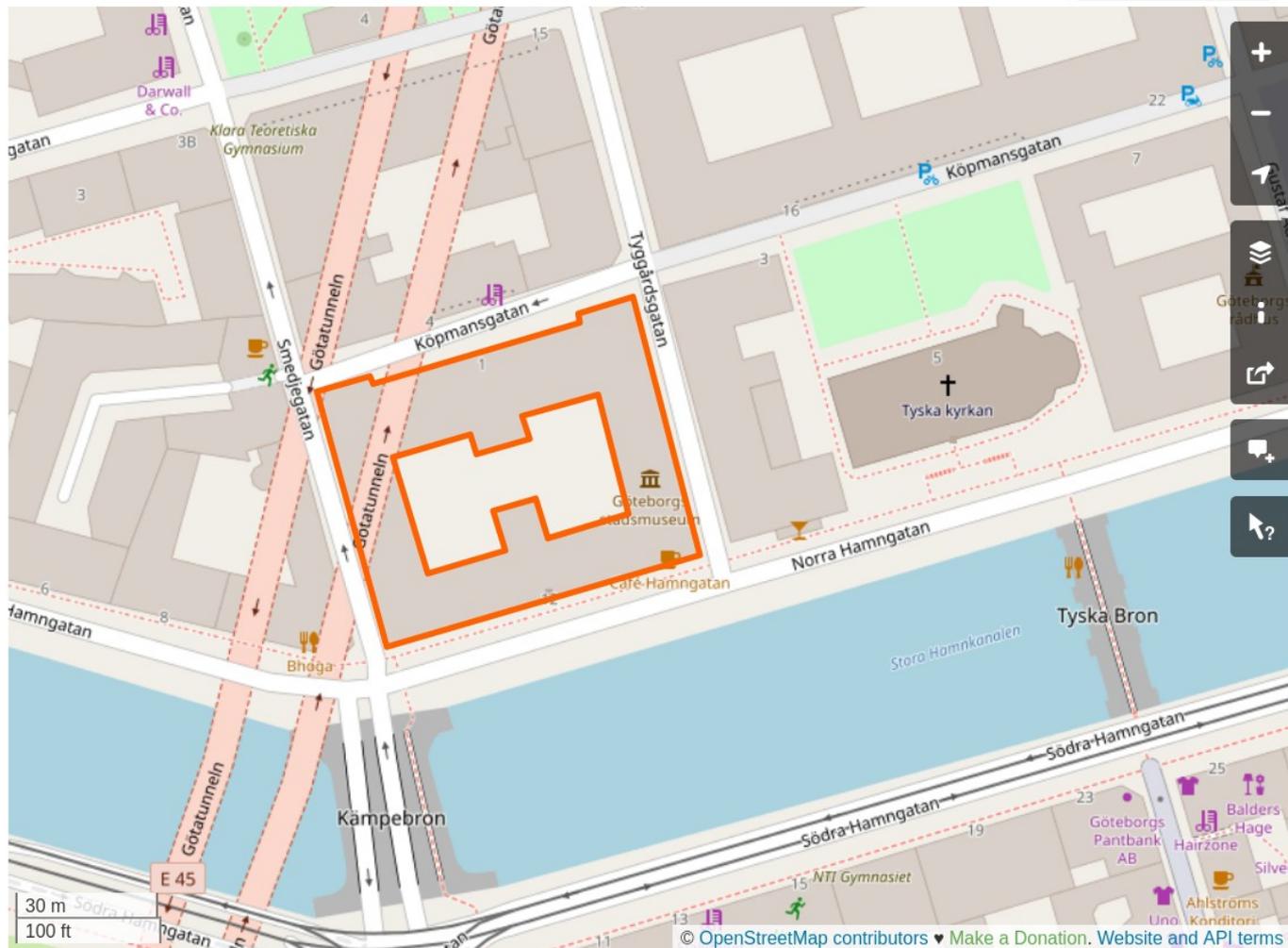
building	yes
museum	local
name	Göteborgs stadsmuseum
name:en	City Museum of Gothenburg
name:sv	Göteborgs stadsmuseum



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opening_hours	10:00-17:00
roof:colour	#AAD9C9
tourism	museum
type	multipolygon
website	https://www.stadsmuseum.goteborg.se
wheelchair	yes
wikidata	Q3107846



Museum of Gothenburg (Q3107846)

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museum for local history of Gothenburg, Sweden [edit](#)
 Göteborgs Stadsmuseum | Gothenburg City Museum

Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	Museum of Gothenburg	museum for local history of Gothenburg, Sweden	Göteborgs Stadsmuseum Gothenburg City Museum

Statements

instance of [city museum](#) [edit](#)
[+ add value](#)

image  [edit](#)
 Stadsmuseet.jpg
 2,560 × 1,056; 284 KB
[+ add value](#)

inception 1861 [edit](#)
[+ add value](#)

- Wikipedia (7 entries) [edit](#) [\[move\]](#)
- en [Museum of Gothenburg](#) [edit](#) [↕](#)
 - eu [Göteborg Hiriko Museoa](#) [edit](#) [↕](#)
 - fr [Musée municipal de Göteborg](#) [edit](#) [↕](#)
 - it [Museo della Città di Göteborg](#) [edit](#) [↕](#)
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Wikibooks (0 entries) [edit](#)

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country



Sweden

edit

+ add value

located in the administrative territorial entity



Gothenburg Municipality

edit

+ add value

location



Ostindiska huset

edit

+ add value

coordinate location



edit

Ostindiska huset (Q10613156)



Item [Discussion](#)

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building in Gothenburg, Sweden
East India House

 [edit](#)

Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	Ostindiska huset	building in Gothenburg, Sweden	East India House

[All entered languages](#)

Statements

instance of	 building 
	 architectural ensemble 
+ add value	

image	  
	Ostindiska huset september 2010b.jpg 3,484 × 2,332; 2.46 MB
+ add value	

Wikipedia (1 entry)  [edit](#) [\[move\]](#)

sv [Ostindiska huset](#)  

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Wiktionary (0 entries) 

Multilingual sites (1 entry)  [edit](#) [\[move\]](#)

commons [Category:Ostindiska huset](#)  



Museum of Gothenburg

OpenStreetMap links to
Q3107846 (**the instution**)

Q10613156 = building
Q3107846 = instution



German Church

OpenStreetMap links to
Q877360 (**the building**)

Q877360 = building

Q10707795 = instution



Secondary Wikidata links [[edit](#) | [edit source](#)]

You may tag secondary attributes of the feature by preceding the **wikidata=*** key with the name of the attribute, separated by a colon (:). The value of such a key would be the same as the normal **wikidata=*** key but referring to the appropriate Wikidata entry.

For example, [brand:wikidata=Q38076](#) on a [McDonald's](#) fast food unit (but don't forget to also tag [brand=McDonald's](#), because the former tag doesn't replace the latter).

Common secondary Wikidata tags:

[operator:wikidata=*](#)

Operator (not franchise) of a restaurant, shop, bank or some other customer service or office.

[Entity type](#)  must be  [organization](#)

[network:wikidata=*](#)

Network of public transport routes.

[brand:wikidata=*](#)

Brand of product (car, bicycle...) that a retailer sells or workshop repairs. e.g.  [BMW](#) for a vehicle or a fast-food franchise outlet.

[architect:wikidata=*](#)

GitHub repo



OSM Wikidata Link

- License is GPL-3.0
- Code is on GitHub

github.com/Edwardbetts/osm-wikidata



Version 2



item type filter

Map key

 Wikidata item without OSM link

 Wikidata item with OSM link

 Linked OSM object

Map filters **Items**

OSM/Wikidata link status

Wikidata items tagged in OSM 50

Wikidata items not tagged in OSM 82

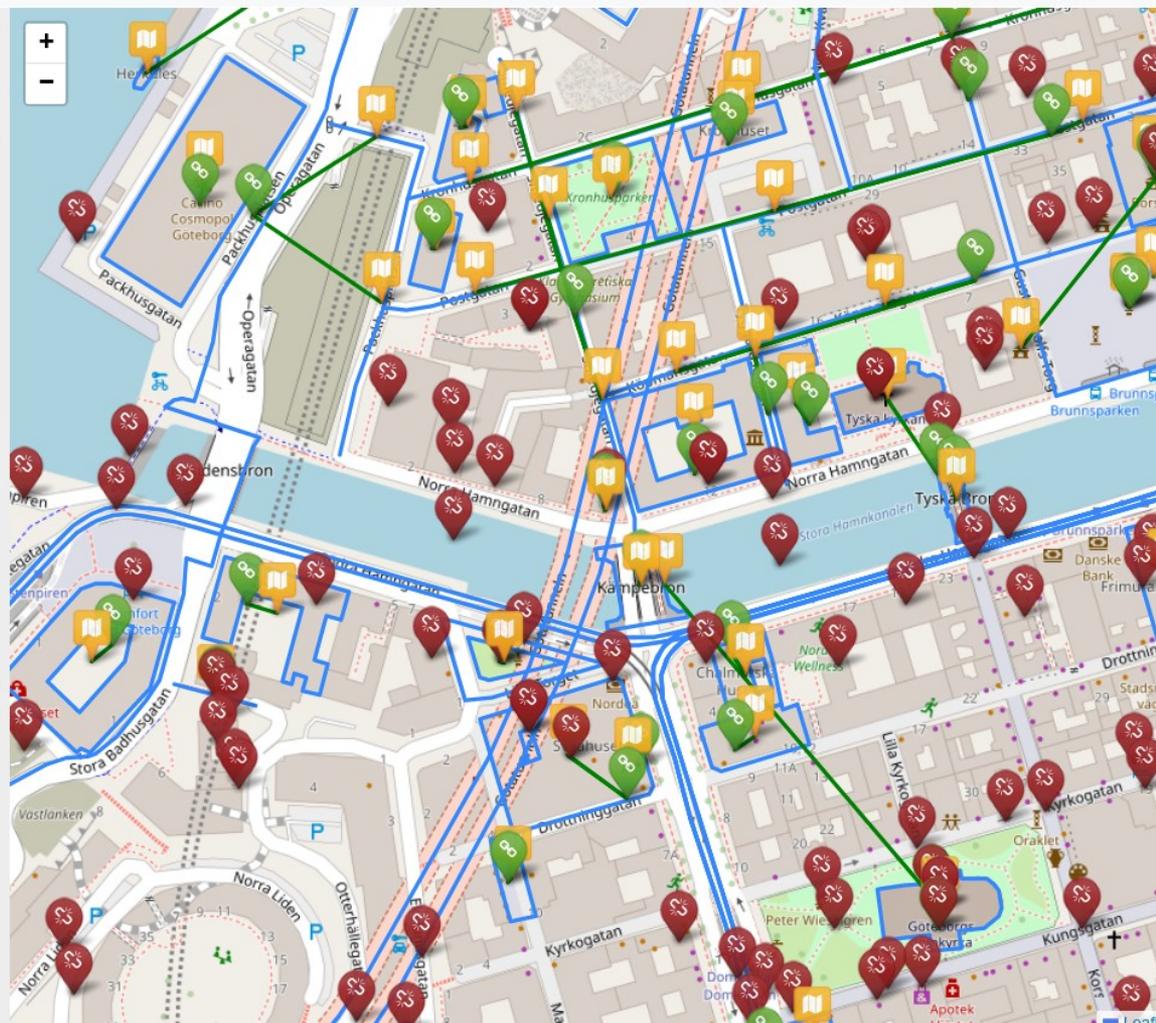
item types

building (Q41176) [only](#) 27

street (Q79007) [only](#) 22

architectural ensemble (Q1497375) [only](#) 19

school unit (Q88965416) [only](#) 8



item detail

🔍 zoom in on item



Wikidata item

[Packhusgatan](#) (Q34961654)

description

street in Gothenburg, Sweden

item coordinates

[57.70738](#), [11.95836](#) 📖

item type

[street](#) (Q79007) 📖

debug

OSM tags/keys to search for

3 tags/keys to consider [show/hide](#)

Images on Commons

[Category:Packhusgatan](#) 📖

📖 Login with OpenStreetMap to add Wikidata tags

Possible OSM matches (sorted by distance from item)

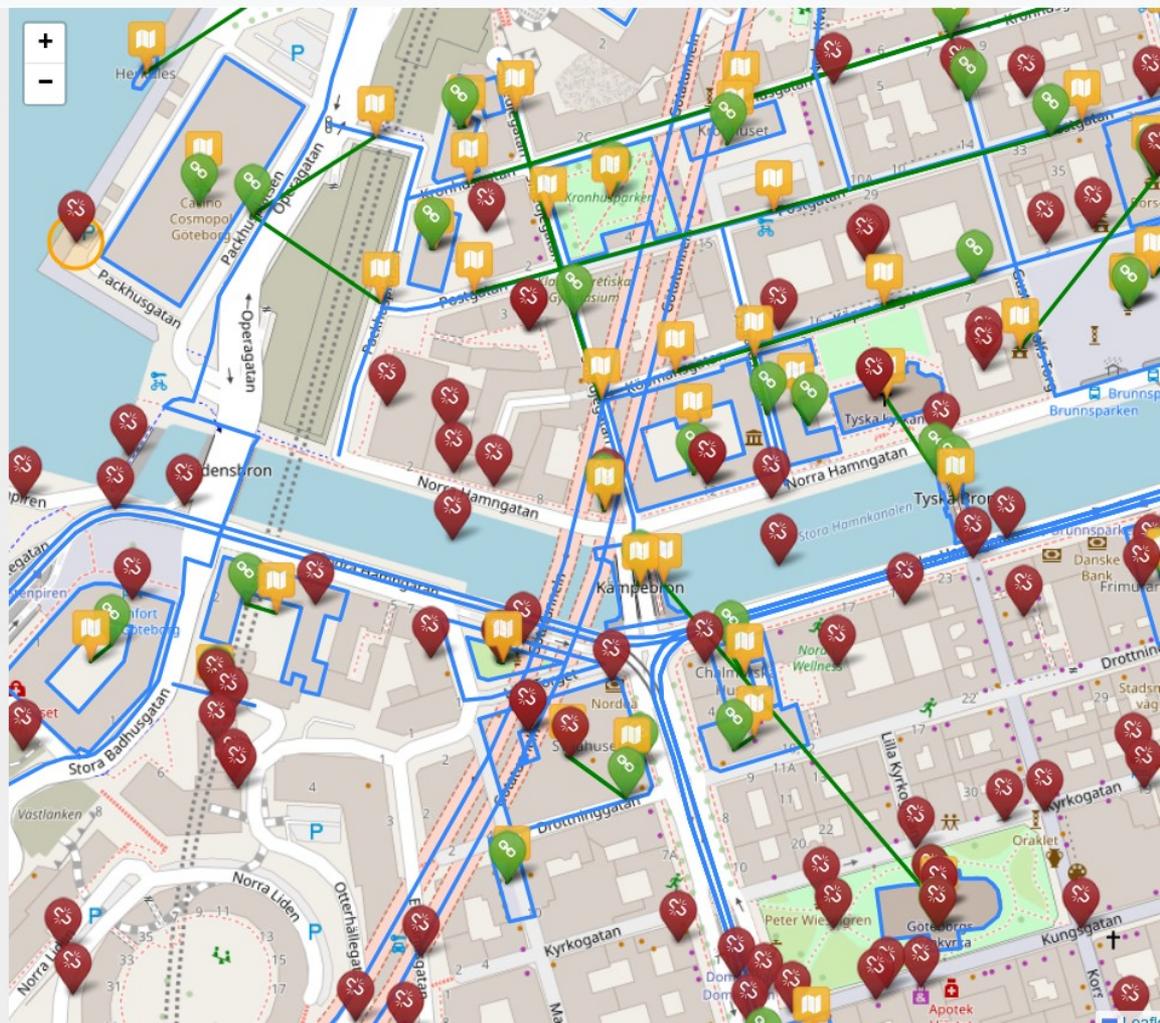
show: tags area type

17m 📖

Packhusgatan

name match

way



osm.wikidata.link