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*adj.*

Relating to or marking the distance of an ancient Roman mile, which equaled 1,000 paces.

[Latin *milliārius*, consisting of a thousand, one mile long, from *mille* (*passuum*), a thousand (double paces), a Roman mile; see **gheslo-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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