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PENWICLE

Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7 pm at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.

Off the Beaten Path

Monday, May 14, 7 pm
Presented by: Ron Hanna

Ron Hanna is a professional outdoor photographer who is writing a book about special places off the beaten path. He will be talking to the PWC about some of these places, including Coyote Butte, at the Arizona-Utah border, and Winchester Peak, near the Washington-Canada border. Come to the meeting to find out what you've been missing as you drive from one national park to the next.

Top: trail to Winchester Peak; bottom: Mount Shuksan. Photos courtesy of Ron Hanna.

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, May 10, 7 pm
Contact: Ann Richey, 360-792-0483

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Ann's home in Bremerton.

May Potluck

Friday, May 25, 7 pm
Contact: Mack & Lisa Johnson, 360-698-0625

Visit with fellow PWCers at Mack & Lisa's home in Silverdale. Bring an entrée or side dish to share. As hosts, Mack & Lisa will provide the dessert.

Date	Outing / Meeting	Contact
Various	Illahee Preserve Work Parties	Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net, 360-792-1714
Fridays	Mountain Bike at Pope & Talbot	Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648, or Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547
5/4-6	Climb Whitehorse	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429
5/5	Hike to Heather Park	Ellen Knott, 360-471-3064
5/8-22	Grand Canyon Dory Trip	David Cossa, 360-871-5577
5/10	MAP: Monthly Activity Planning	Ann Richey, 360-792-0483
5/12	Snow Climbing Class at Obstruction Point	Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net, 360-792-1714
5/13	Pub Pedal in Seattle	Jim Drannan, 360-479-4171
5/14	General Meeting	Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547
5/17-18	Climb Mount Saint Helens	Joe Murphy, 360-792-1433
5/18-20	Dosewallips Car Camping Weekend	Joe & Kathy Weigel, 360-479-5116, or Kevin & Gail Gross, 360-307-9022
5/20	Hike to Fifty-Fifty Pass	Karla Piecuch, 360-598-3601
5/25	May Potluck	Mack & Lisa Johnson, 360-698-0625
5/26-28	Backpack Baker Lake Trail	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429
5/27-28	Backpack Barnes Creek Trail	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

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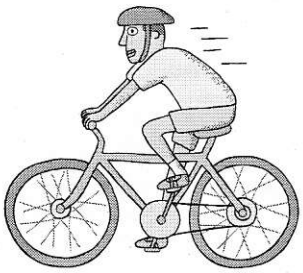


A Word About Outings

All PWC outings and other activities are open to anyone, but if you enjoy our company and what we do, we would like you to become a member. The persons sponsoring trips should not be considered instructors or leaders. If you are unsure of your abilities, discuss the trip thoroughly with the organizer. Each participant is responsible for his or her own comfort and safety on any outing. Always carry the 10 essentials.

Pet Policy

Please leave pets at home when attending PWC outings unless the trip is specifically listed as welcoming them.

Please Call Early

As a courtesy to the sponsor of an outing in which you are interested, please try to call at least two days before the trip for single-day outings, and as soon as possible for overnight outings. This allows the sponsor time to make necessary arrangements, or alternate plans should a trip be canceled for some reason. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated.

Illahee Preserve Work Parties

Various
Contact: Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net, 360-792-1714

Dale is looking for volunteers to participate in monthly work parties at Illahee Preserve. If you're interested in doing your part to beautify Bremerton, contact Dale.

Mountain Bike at Pope & Talbot

Fridays
Contact: Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648, or Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547

Join Greg and Tom for weekly mountain biking at the Pope & Talbot area in Port Gamble.

Climb Whitehorse

Friday, May 4 - Sunday, May 6
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Whitehorse has the greatest elevation gain per shortest distance in all the Cascades. Climb via the glacier route, with a bushwhack in the beginning. This will be a steep climb with 6000 feet of elevation gain. Bring your bivi gear.

Hike to Heather Park

Saturday, May 5
Contact: Ellen Knott, 360-471-3064

Hike to Heather Park on the Mount Angeles Trail. This hike is 8 miles round trip with 3500 feet of elevation gain.

Grand Canyon Dory Trip

Tuesday, May 8 – Tuesday, May 22
Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577

David Cossa will be doing a trip down the Grand Canyon in wooden dories with a commercial outfit. If you are interested, call 1-800-544-2691 to make a reservation.

Snow Climbing Class at Obstruction Point

Saturday, May 12
Contact: Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net, 360-792-1714

Learn ice axe arrest and steep snow climbing techniques from Dale. We'll have the class at Obstruction Point once the road there opens, so the date of the class is subject to change due to weather. Bring boots and an ice axe.

Pub Pedal in Seattle

Sunday, May 13
Contact: Jim Drannan, 360-479-4171

Join JD on his annual Mother's Day pub pedal.

Climb Mount Saint Helens

Thursday, May 17 - Friday, May 18
Contact: Joe Murphy, 360-792-1433

Climb Mount Saint Helens on the 27th anniversary of the 1980 eruption. This trip was originally scheduled for the 25th anniversary and has been postponed twice due to seismic activity prompting climbing restrictions. Space is limited, so call Joe ASAP if you would like to go.

Dosewallips Car Camping Weekend

Friday, May 18 - Sunday, May 20
Contact: Joe & Kathy Weigel, 360-479-5116, or Kevin & Gail Gross, 360-307-9022

Car camp at Dosewallips State Park—bring the kids, dogs, bikes, trikes, kitchen sink, etc., and join us for one or both nights. There's a beach to explore, nearby hiking, bike riding and relaxing around the campfire. A campsite can be reserved at http://www.parks.wa.gov or by calling 888-226-7688.

Hike to Fifty-Fifty Pass

Sunday, May 20
Contact: Karla Piecuch, 360-598-3601

Hike Tunnel Creek Trail to Fifty-Fifty Pass. This is an 8-mile round trip hike with 2400 feet of elevation gain.

Backpack Baker Lake Trail

Saturday, May 26 - Monday, May 28
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Start out backpacking season with Kevin and Maria. Kevin will lead a trip fit for mere mortals, covering just 13 miles in 3 days.

Backpack Barnes Creek Trail

Sunday, May 27 - Monday, May 28
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Doug will be celebrating Memorial Day with his first backpacking trip of the season. This is a low elevation hike to avoid the snow in the mountains and enjoy warmer temperatures.

Climb Mount Saint Helens

Friday, June 1 - Saturday, June 2
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Doug has a permit for a limited number of climbers to ascend Mount Saint Helens. The plan is to drive down Friday after work and spend the night at Climbers' Bivouac, then climb to the rim on Saturday. Because the permit requires pre-payment, reservations will be granted to the first climbers to pay their portion of the permit fee to Doug.

Climb Colonial Peak

Friday, June 1 - Sunday, June 3
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Another epic Koski adventure: 6500 feet of elevation gain.

Lower South Fork Skokomish Trail

Sunday, June 10
Contact: Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

This fairly well maintained trail offers easy to moderate hiking across many foot-log stream crossings through stands of silver fir, western hemlocks, blooming rhododendrons and, at times, giant Douglas firs. This 6-mile hike has less than 800 feet of elevation gain, yet has excellent places to eat a relaxing lunch on one of the sun-warmed river bars.

Climb Sloan Peak

Friday, June 15 - Sunday, June 17
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Climb the "Matterhorn of the Cascades" via the Corkscrew Route. This is a Class 4 climb with 7000 feet of elevation gain.

Climb Mount Baker

Saturday, June 16 - Sunday, June 17
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Climb via Easton Glacier to the summit of Mount Baker at 10,781 feet. This is a technical climb—crevasse rescue skills are required. In case of inclement weather, the alternate weekend is June 23-24.

Climb Three Fingers

Friday, June 22 - Sunday, June 24
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Call Kevin if you're interested.

Relay for Life

Saturday, June 23 - Sunday, June 24
Contact: Bethany Cecere, 360-243-8533

Relay for Life is a 24-hour relay to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Last year's PWC team had a lot of fun participating in a variety of events at the track. The team leader has a lot of planning to do, so please contact Bethany early if you are interested.

San Juan Mountains

Monday, June 25 - Saturday, June 30
Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577

I am planning a six-day trip to the San Juan Mountains of Colorado. The trip includes flying to Albuquerque, driving to Durango, and taking the Durango-Silverton narrow gauge railroad to a trailhead inaccessible by car. From there, it is 6 miles with 3000 feet of elevation gain to a basin nestled high in the rugged, massive and remote San Juan Mountains. From the basin camp at 10,500 feet, the options are many. I will be ascending three of Colorado's 54 14,000-foot peaks. After three nights at base camp, the trip will be reversed, arriving back in Seattle on the evening of the sixth day.

Klahhane Ridge Bivi

Saturday, June 30 - Sunday, July 1
Contact: John & Ellen Knott, 360-710-1158

Hike 0.6 miles with 700 feet of elevation gain on the Switchback Trail. You'll be rewarded with a three-hour sunset on Klahhane Ridge.

Bicycle the Olympic Discovery Trail

Sunday, July 1
Contact: Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

The Olympic Discovery Trail is a multi-use trail that connects Port Angeles to Sequim. The trail is at or near railroad grade. Distance and starting and ending points will be determined by interested cyclists.

Climb Mount Adams

Saturday, July 14 - Sunday, July 15
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Climb Mount Adams via Lunch Counter on the South Spur Route.

Marmot Pass via Upper Dungeness & Big Quilcene Trails (Key Exchange)

Saturday, July 21
Contact: Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

This is a strenuous 13-mile hike with 3,500 feet of elevation gain.

Climb Mount Rainier

Thursday, July 26 - Sunday, July 29
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Climb Mount Rainier via the Emmons Glacier on the Schurman Route.

Climb Mount Thompson

Friday, July 27 - Sunday, July 29
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Call Kevin if you're interested.

Outings

Glacier National Park
Late July (exact dates TBA)
Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577

A six-day trip to Glacier National Park to Gunsight Lake and ascend Mount Jackson. It'll be 7 miles to base camp. Look for more information in future Penwicles.

Duckabush to Dose Traverse
Saturday, August 4 - Wednesday, August 8
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Traverse the Olympics from the head of the Duckabush to Dosewallips. Details to be determined closer to the date of the trip.

Backpack Home Lake/Secret Basin
Sunday, August 12 - Friday, August 17
Contact: John & Ellen Knott, 360-710-1158

Camp in a scenic secret basin west of Home Lake and explore the area.

Repeat of the Press Party Mistake
Late August (exact dates TBA)
Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577

We'll go up the Elwha and Goldie Rivers and to the summit of Mount Dana. Then we'll go down to the Elwha at Chicago Camp and back out. This will be a six-day trip.

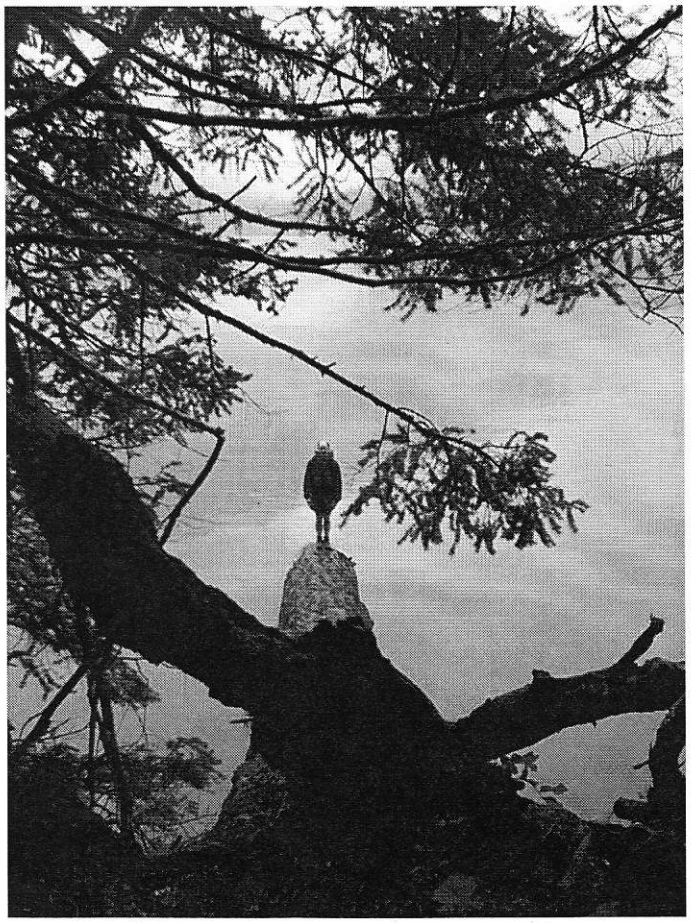
Sierra Trip
Mid/Late September (exact dates TBA)
Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577

Six-day Sierra trip. Backpack in 7 miles from Tioga Pass in Yosemite to base camp at upper Marie Lake below Mount Lyell. Ascend Mount Lyell, fish, or read a book. The choice is yours!

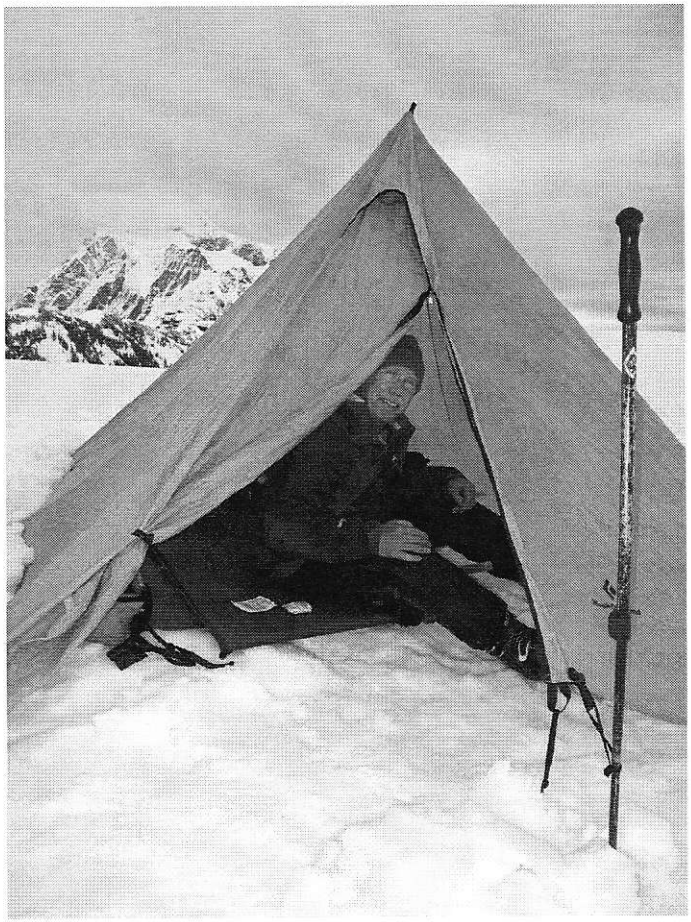
New England Leaf Peeping/High Points Trip
October (exact dates TBA)
Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577

Fly to Boston and drive around New England bagging state high points and ogling leaves.

Photos



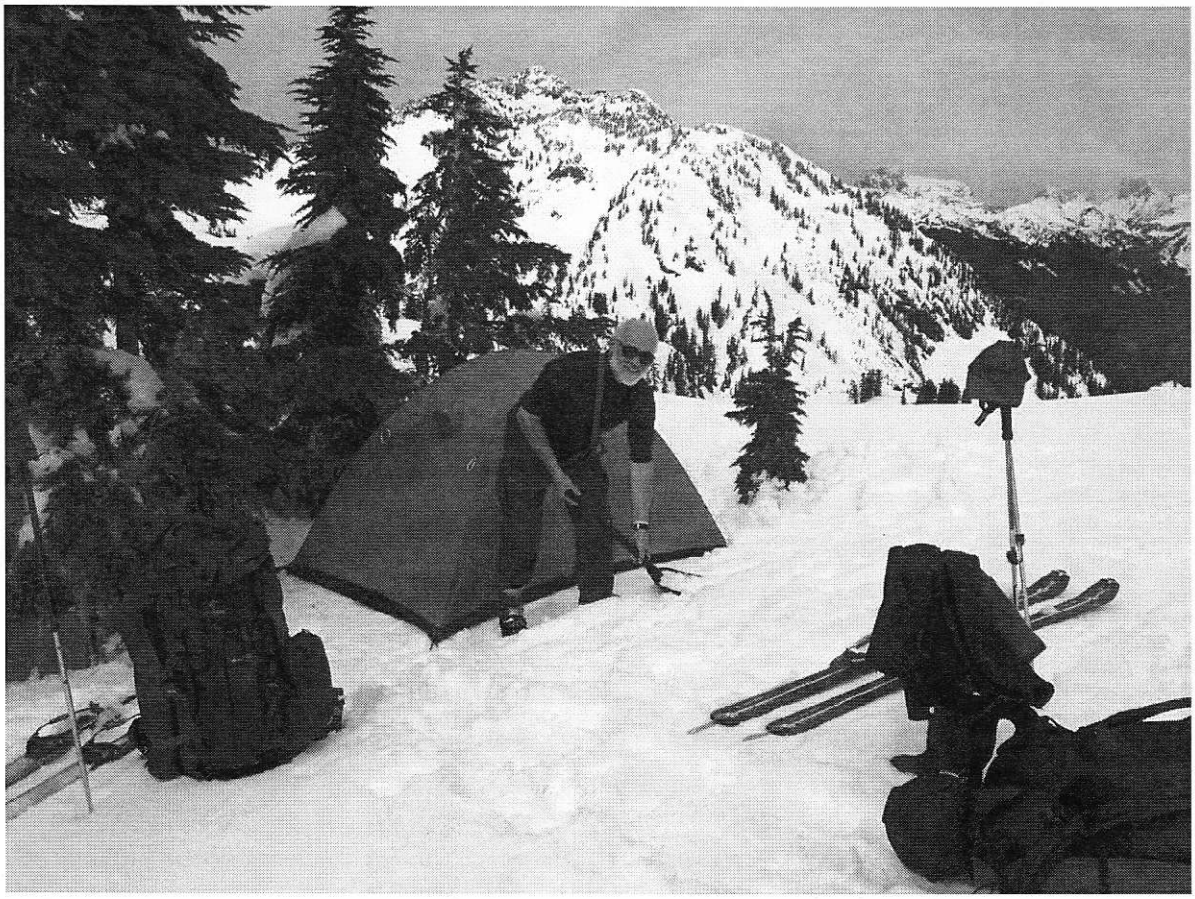
Kevin Koski explores a fallen tree in Lake Crescent along the Spruce Railroad Trail. Photo courtesy of Erin Hennings.



Brian Steely prepares his tent for an overnight at Ptarmigan Ridge. Photo courtesy of Jon DeArman.

Photos

Top: Jon DeArman skis Ptarmigan Ridge at Mt. Baker; below: Greg Myrick sets up camp. Photos courtesy of Jon DeArman.



Club News

Welcome to New Members

The PWC welcomes the following new members: Brian Leo and Robert Steinmetz.

Door Prize Winner

At the April meeting, Joe Weigel won a Swiss Army knife.

Jon's Minute

At the April meeting, Jon talked about the importance of declination adjustment when using a compass.

Meeting Refreshments

Thanks to everyone who brought treats to the April meeting! Contact Doug Savage @ 360-698-9774 if you would like to bring snacks to the next meeting.

We Need You!

Each month the club's MAP meeting and potluck dinner are in need of volunteer hosts willing to share their home for an evening. If you can handle a small home invasion, please contact the club secretary, Barbara Hager, at 360-692-5121.

Sponsor an Outing

We are always looking for people to sponsor outings for the PWC. If you are planning a trip, let us know about it! Come to the MAP meeting the Thursday before the General Meeting to discuss your plan for a trip. You can submit trip descriptions to the PENWICLE by contacting Erin Hennings at penwicle@hotmail.com or 360-621-6961. Planning a last-minute outing? No problem - post your trip on the PWC website by filling out the form at http://www.pwckitsap.org/

Trip Reports & Photos Wanted

Do you have a great story to share about a recent trip? Erin Hennings is looking for trip reports to print in the PENWICLE. Trip reports can be all text, all photos, or any combination of the two. There are no length requirements. Please send trip reports and photos to Erin at penwicle@hotmail.com

Scrapbook Photos Wanted

Bethany Cecere, our Scrapbook Editor, is looking for photos of PWC activities. Please include your name, details of the trip (date and location), people and places in the pictures and whether you need the pictures back. Electronic photos are welcome, too. Contact Bethany Cecere, 360-243-8533, bethany.cecere@comcast.net

Update Your Email Address

Does the PWC have your current email address? If not, contact Barbara Hager, Membership Coordinator, to update your email address and other contact information. Barbara can be reached at 360-692-5121 or greenthumb@telebyte.com

Club Business

Joining the PWC or Membership Renewal

The PWC General Meeting is held the second Monday of each month, 7 pm, at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in East Bremerton. To join or renew, please see form on back of newsletter. Receive a discount on select merchandise or services at the following businesses with your PWC membership, but check with vendor for details:

- Olympic Outdoor Center, Poulsbo
- Vertical World Climbing Gym, Bremerton
- Silverdale Cyclery, Silverdale
- Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast, Port Townsend
- Ajax Café, Port Hadlock
- Kitsap Sports, Silverdale
- Poulsbo Running, Poulsbo

New members will receive a membership card with their New Membership packet. All members can pick up a card at the monthly meeting.

Address Changes and Member Address-Phone List

Address changes should be sent to Barbara Hager at Peninsula Wilderness Club, P.O. Box 323, Bremerton, WA 98337-0070, or email greenthumb@telebyte.com, or call 360-692-5121. Members should also contact Barbara if they wish to receive a new membership directory.

PENWICLE Submissions

Submissions to the PENWICLE must be received by the Friday after the General Meeting to insure a place in the next issue. Contact Erin Hennings at penwicle@hotmail.com or 360-621-6961.

PWC Online...www.pwckitsap.org

Please contact Venita Goodrich at 360-698-9774 for inquiries regarding the PWC website. Submissions to the editor of the PENWICLE will be sent to the website, unless requested otherwise.

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PWC **Join or Renew Membership** **PWC**

The Peninsula Wilderness Club is an informal organization for persons interested in active outdoor pursuits. Main activities include hiking, backpacking, mountain climbing, rock climbing, and skiing. All outings, from casual hikes to technical mountain sports, are initiated by individual members. These members are volunteers who generously offer to make minimal arrangements so an outing can take place. They do not accept responsibility for the safety or care of any participant. The PWC does not conduct instructional programs and members are expected to have whatever clothing, equipment, skills, and physical conditioning are appropriate for the outing they wish to join. Members are expected to practice responsible environmental stewardship and must accept that there are dangers and a risk of injury in most outdoor activities.

Dues are $25 per household per year. Send a check or money order to:
Peninsula Wilderness Club, P.O. Box 323, Bremerton, WA 98337-0070

Please check if: New Member(s) ☐ Renewing Member(s) ☐ Change of Address ☐

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