# Chapter WCD 45

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History: Chapter WCD 45 as it existed on June 30, 1964 was repealed and a new chapter WCD 45 was created effective July 1, 1964.

(Sections 23.09, 23.11, 27.01 and 28.02, Wis. Stats.)

WCD 45.01 State property. (1) Except when the context provides otherwise, the provisions of this chapter shall apply to all lands, structures and property owned, leased or administered by the state of Wisconsin and under the management, supervision and control of the state conservation commission of Wisconsin.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to destroy, molest or deface any natural growth or natural or archaeological feature, or any state property; to enter in any way any building, installation or area that may be locked or closed to public use or contrary to posted notice. The picking of edible fruits or nuts is permitted.

(3) For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(a) Camp or camping. The use of a shelter such as a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, tarpaulin, bed roll or sleeping bag for temporary residence or sleeping purposes.

(b) Campground. Any tract of land designated for camping.

(c) Group campground. A campground designated for use by organizational groups.

(d) *Primitive campground*. A campground with minimum or no improvements where camping is permitted for periods longer than a single night, facilities may not be provided and access is by hiking or watercraft.

(e) Campsite. A segment of a campground which is designated for camping use by a camping unit or camping party.

(f) Canoe campsite. A campsite along a waterway for use by persons traveling by water.

(g) Camping unit. Any single shelter used for a camp by a camping party except those used exclusively for dining purposes.

(h) Camping party. Any individual, family, individual group, or juvenile group occupying a campsite.

(i) Family. A husband and wife; or husband and wife with unmarried children; or father or mother with unmarried children.

(j) Juvenile group. A group made up of juvenile members of an established organization and under the leadership of at least one competent, mature adult for each 10 juveniles in the group and using any number of camping units or occuping a group campground.

(k) Individual group, A camping party of not more than 5 persons occupying one camping unit.

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WCD 45.02 Property of others. It shall be unlawful for any person to destroy, molest or remove the property of others. It shall be unlawful for any person other than a permittee or licensee to scavenge golf balls on any golf course.

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WCD 45.03 Refuse. It shall be unlawful for any person to discard or leave any refuse, sewage or other waste material on the ground, or in any building or installation, or into the water or upon the ice of any lake or stream or other body of water, or to dispose of any such refuse or waste material in any manner except by burning or by placing in receptacles or other authorized locations provided for such purposes. Charcoal residue must be left in a grate or fireplace until cool, or placed in receptacles provided for such purposes.

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WCD 45.04 Washing. (1) It shall be unlawful to wash vehicles or pets, except at authorized locations, in any state park, state park recreation area, fish hatchery and improved campsite in any state forest or at any similar public use area on other lands and property under the management, supervision and control of the state conservation commission of Wisconsin.

(2) It shall be unlawful, except at authorized locations, to wash clothing in any state park, state park recreation area, fish hatchery and improved campsite in any state forest or at any similar public use area on other lands and property under the management, supervision and control of the state conservation commission of Wisconsin.

History: Cr. Register, June. 1964, No. 102, eff. 7-1-64.

WCD 45.05 Pets. (1) It shall be unlawful from May 15 to the following September 15 for any person to suffer his dog or cat to enter any public building, or installation, or be upon any bathing beach in any state park, state forest, fish hatchery, state park recreation area or similar public use area on other lands and property under the management, supervision and control of the state conservation commission of Wisconsin. In those state park areas where pets are permitted, dogs shall be kept on a leash not more than 8 feet long. All other pets shall be effectively restrained or under the owner's control at all times. No person shall suffer his pet to deprive or disrupt the enjoyment or use of any area by others.

(2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit or restrict the use of dogs in field trial areas or for hunting purposes in any area which is open to hunting.

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WCD 45.06 Fires. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to build or maintain any fire or to burn any refuse except at designated fireplaces in any state park, state park recreation area, improved

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campsite in any state forest, fish hatchery or the State Experimental Game and Fur Farm. The aforementioned is also unlawful when fireplaces are provided at other campsites, picnic grounds and other designated similar public use areas on state forest lands or other lands under the management, supervision and control of the state conservation commission of Wisconsin.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to leave any fire unattended, or to throw away any matches, cigarettes, cigars, or pipe ashes without first extinguishing them, or to start any fire contrary to posted notice on any lands or property under the management, supervision and control of the state conservation commission of Wisconsin.

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WCD 45.07 Peddling and soliciting. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to peddle or solicit business of any nature whatever, or to distribute handbills or other advertising matter, to post unauthorized signs on any lands, structures, or property under the management, supervision and control of the state conservation commission of Wisconsin, or to use such lands, structures or property as a base of commercial operations for soliciting or conducting business, peddling or providing services within or outside of such lands, structures or property unless first authorized in writing by the state conservation commission of Wisconsin or its duly authorized agents.

(2) It shall be unlawful to use in any manner the dock, pier, wharf, boat landing or mooring facilities in or the waters in or immediately adjacent to any state park, state park recreation area or state forest public use area for the purpose of soliciting rides of any kind.

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WCD 45.08 Vehicular traffic. (1) No person shall operate any vehicle at a speed in excess of 25 miles per hour unless different limits are indicated by official traffic signs in any state park, state park recreation area, improved campsite in any state forest, or other public use areas on state forest lands or other lands under the management, supervision and control of the state conservation commission of Wisconsin.

(2) Except as otherwise expressly provided, no unauthorized person shall operate any motor vehicle in any state property as defined in Wis. Adm. Code subsection 45.01 (1). It shall be unlawful to operate any motor vehicle upon any bridle path, hiking trail, beach area, playground, picnic area or contrary to posted notice or on any state property as defined in Wis. Adm. Code subsection 45.01 (1).

(3) It shall be unlawful to use, for the purpose of landing aircraft, the water or ice in the following specified bodies of water in the following state properties: Devil's Lake in Devil's Lake State Park, Sauk County; all waters in Governor Dodge State Park, Iowa County; Crystal Lake in the Northern Highland State Forest, Vilas County; Lake of the Dalles in Interstate Park, Polk County; Mauthe Lake in the Kettle Moraine State Forest, Fond du Lac County; Lake Seven in the Kettle Moraine State Forest, Sheboygan County; Ottawa Lake in the Kettle Moraine State Forest, Waukesha County.

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WCD 45.09 Boats. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motorboat of any kind in any manner on the following specified water:

(a) Lake of the Dalles in Interstate Park, section 31, T34N, R18W, and section 36, T34N, R19W, town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin.

(b) Interfalls Lake in Pattison State Park, sections 21, 22, 27 and 28, T47N, R14W, town of Superior, Douglas County, Wisconsin.

(c) Mauthe Lake in Kettle Moraine State Forest, sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, T13N, R19E, town of Auburn, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin.

(d) Crystal Lake in Northern Highland State Forest, sections 27 and 28, T41N, R7E, towns of Plum Lake and Boulder Junction, Vilas County, Wisconsin.

(e) All waters in Governor Dodge State Park in Iowa County, Wisconsin.

(f) Zander's Lake in Browntown Public Hunting Grounds, section 3, T1N, R6E, Green County, Wisconsin.

(g) Lake Seven in Kettle Moraine State Forest, section 7, T13N, R20E, town of Scott, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin.

(h) Ottawa Lake in Kettle Moraine State Forest, sections 27, 33 and 34, T6N, R17E, town of Ottawa, Waukesha County, Wisconsin.

(i) Horicon Marsh Wildlife Area, Dodge County, during the open season on migratory waterfowl, except the Main Ditch, Burnett Ditch and the east branch of the Rock River to its outlet on Malzahn's Bay.

(j )All state-owned lands and waters within the boundaries of the Germania Wildlife Area, Marquette County.

(k) On all ditches, streams and flowages, except the Little Eau Pleine River, within the boundaries of the Mead Wildlife Area, in the counties of Marathon, Portage and Wood.

(2) On the waters of Devil's Lake in Devil's Lake State Park, sections 13, 24, and 25, T11N, R6E, town of Baraboo, Sauk County, Wisconsin, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motorboat:

(a) At a speed greater than 5 miles per hour or in excess of steerage or no wake speed within 200 feet of shore, or on any part of said waters at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and the following 10:00 a.m.

(b) Towing a person on water skis, aquaplane or similar device between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and the following 8:00 a.m.

(c) Without a competent person in the boat in addition to the operator who shall watch for the safety of any person on water skis, aquaplane or similar device being towed by said boat.

(3) On the waters of Yellowstone Lake in Lafayette County, Wisconsin, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motorboat in a careless, negligent or reckless manner so as to endanger the life, property, or person of others, or to operate a motorboat at a speed greater than 5 miles per hour or in excess of steerage or no wake speed when within 200 feet of the shoreline, or to operate any motorboat in any area where notices are posted prohibiting the operation

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and use of motorboats. On the aforementioned waters, no person shall operate a motorboat towing a person on water skis, aquaplane, or similar device between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and the following 10:00 a.m., or without a competent person in the boat in addition to the operator who shall watch at all times for the safety of any person on water skis, aquaplane, or similar device being towed by said boat. It is unlawful for any person to operate, anchor, moor or beach any houseboat or pontoon boat on the waters of Yellowstone Lake or on the land within the boundaries of the Yellowstone conservation area. It is unlawful for any person to leave any boat unattended whether anchored, moored or beached on the waters of Yellowstone Lake or on lands within the boundaries of the Yellowstone conservation area except within such areas as are designated and posted for such purposes.

(4) All boats, including every description of watercraft, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water are prohibited from the following specified waters:

(a) On the Pinnacle Rock Public Fishing Pond, section 16, T15N, R3W, town of Jefferson, Monroe County, Wisconsin.

(b) Mt. Hope Pond, section 4, T6N,, R4W, town of Woodman, Grant County, Wisconsin.

(c) Sabine Pond, section 18, T11N, R1W, town of Marshall, Richland County, Wisconsin.

(d) Salmo Pond, section 5, T7N, R7E, town of Cross Plains, Dane County, Wisconsin.

(e) Token Creek Spring Pond, section 34, T9N, R10E, town of Windsor, Dane County, Wisconsin.

(5) (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to moor or anchor any boat, watercraft or aircraft in any state park, state park recreation area or at any campground or picnic area in any state forest except in areas designated for that purpose.

(b) No boat, watercraft or aircraft shall be left on shore, moored or anchored overnight in the waters of any state park, state park recreation area or any public use area in any property as defined in Wis. Adm. Code subsection 45.01 (1) except where areas are designated for that purpose.

(c) No person shall remain overnight on any boat, watercraft or aircraft anchored, moored or docked at any state conservation commission controlled dock, wharf, boat landing, marina or other mooring area except at the marina in High Cliff State Park, at Stockton Island in the Apostle Islands State Forest and at Eagle Island (Horseshoe Island) in Peninsula State Park.

(6) In the waters of High Cliff State Park Marina, Calumet County, Wisconsin, it shall be unlawful to:

(a) Operate a boat or other watercraft at a speed in excess of that required for steerage.

(b) Operate a boat or other watercraft between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and the following 4:00 a.m.

(c) Anchor, moor or dock a boat or watercraft except in the areas provided and designated.

(d) Swim in the marina channel, basin or dock area.

(e) Water ski in the marina area including the channel, and that area of the channel outlet in Lake Winnebago marked by buoys.

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(f) Fish from the docks, piers or shoreline or boats in the marina area.

(g) Use marine toilets in the marina or entrance.

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WCD 45.10 Horses. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a horse in a careless, negligent or reckless manner so as to endanger the life, property or person of others, or to ride, lead or have a horse in any manner on any beach, foot trail, picnic ground, campground, golf course, fish hatchery or other similar special public use area or contrary to posted notices.

(2) Horses are permitted in designated areas within the campground and use area at the New Prospect Bridle Trail Campground in the Kettle Moraine State Forest, Fond du Lac County.

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WCD 45.11 Unnecessary noises. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any sound truck, loud-speaker, motor, motorboat, motor vehicle or other mechanical device that produces undue or unnecessary noises without first obtaining a written permit from the state conservation commission of Wisconsin or its duly authorized agent.

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WCD 45.12 Parking. (1) No person shall park, stop or leave standing, whether attended or unattended, any vehicle or watercraft:

(a) In any manner as to block, obstruct or limit the use of any road, trail, waterway or winter sport facility, or

(b) Outside of any area provided for such purposes when it is practical to use such areas, or

(c) Contrary to posted notice.

(2) No person shall leave, abandon or deposit any boat, skiff or other watercraft on any conservation area, wildlife area, or public hunting or fishing ground after 10 days following the close of the migratory waterfowl season or contrary to posted notice.

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WCD 45.13 Camping. (1) It shall be unlawful for more than one family or individual group to occupy a single campsite.

(a) No camping unit shall be set up beyond the defined limits of the campsite.

(b) Not more than 10 juveniles will be permitted to occupy a single campsite.

(2) Camping is prohibited except in designated areas in state parks, state park recreation areas, state forests and Yellowstone Wildlife Area. Fees may be waived between October 31 and the following April 1. It shall be unlawful to camp in such areas without a permit and payment of such fees as may be required, except that a permit to camp is not required for any person when:

(a) Traveling by watercraft in the American Legion, Black River, Brule River, Flambeau River and Northern Highland State Forests and camping at designated canoe campsites.

(b) Camping on any portion of the Apostle Islands State Forest or at designated campsites on other state-owned islands.

(c) Camping at designated trail campsites at other parks or forests.

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(3) In all state parks, state recreation areas, the northern and southern units of the Kettle Moraine, Council Grounds and Point Beach State Forests and Yellowstone Wildlife Area a camping permit must be obtained prior to setting up camp during the period between June 15 and Labor Day unless otherwise posted.

(4) No camping party shall move from its assigned campsite to another campsite without prior approval.

(5) All camping permits expire at 3:00 p.m. on the last day of the permit period.

(6) Extensions within the 21-day limit may be granted on camping permits. Extensions must be obtained prior to 10:00 a.m. on the expiration date of the permit.

(7) No person shall camp and no camping unit shall remain for a period greater than 21 days in any 4-week period in the property of registration from June 1 to Labor Day. Thereafter, the camping unit must be removed from the property for at least 7 days before being eligible to return.

(8) No camping party shall set up or take down its camping unit between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and the following 6:00 a.m.

(9) It shall be unlawful to park any motor vehicle outside the parking area designated at each campsite and not more than 2 motor vehicles are permitted to any campsite.

(10) Violation of any state law or any rules of the Wisconsin conservation commission by a member of a camping party is cause for revocation of the camping permit.

(11) Reservations will not be accepted for campsites in any state park, state park recreation area or established campground in any state forest, except that juvenile groups may apply for reservations for use of group campgrounds.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to obtain a camping permit for use by a camping party of which he is not a member except that parents and group leaders may obtain camping permits for use by juvenile groups.

(b) A campsite must be occupied by a member of the camping party on the first night of the permit period and no campsite may be left unoccupied for more than 48 hours.

(12) No person shall camp on any lands under the management, supervision or control of the Wisconsin conservation commission contrary to posted notice.

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WCD 45.14 Firearms. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession or under his control any firearm or airgun, as defined in section 939.22, Wis. Stats., unless the same is unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case, or any bow unless the same is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case, in any state park, fish hatchery, improved campsite in any state forest, and other similar public use areas in state forests and state park recreation areas, or within posted areas on state forest and within posted areas on other lands under the management, supervision and control of the state conservation commission of Wisconsin.

(2) No person shall take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, pursue or otherwise disturb any wild animals or birds in any state park, fish hatchery, improved campsite in any state forest or within posted areas on state

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forest lands or other lands under the management, supervision and control of the state conservation commission of Wisconsin.

(3) No person shall discharge any firearm or airgun, as defined in section 939.22, Wis. Stats., at any time on state forest lands in the Kettle Moraine State Forest, except during the open season for game between September 15 and the following March 31 or at authorized target ranges or at designated dog training or dog trial areas.

(4) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the use of the aforementioned weapons on designated target ranges within the areas listed in subsection (1).

History: Cr. Register, June, 1964, No. 102, eff, 7-1-64.

WCD 45.15 Personal conduct. It shall be unlawful for any person to be intoxicated or to engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, wanton, obscene or otherwise disorderly conduct tending to create a breach of the peace or to disturb or annoy others.

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WCD 45.16 Fees and charges. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to use any facility, land or area for which a fee or charge has been established by the Wisconsin conservation commission without payment of such fee or charge as listed in the following schedule: 

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Camping (Tent or Trailer)	\$ 1.50	per day p or individ	per family lual group	
Juvenile groups Barracks Tent camping	$.50\\10.00\\.15\\100.00$	per perso minimum per perso maximum 2-day per	n per day 1 per day 1 per day 1 for each riod	
Wyalusing group camp	.75 20.00	for 2 or 1 minimum group	riod n per day nore days	
Electricity Sewer connections Fuelwood	.50	per day per day per bund	le	
Devil's Lake and Rib Mountain shelters High Cliff Marina—mooring fees Boats up to 22 feet Boats 23 feet and longer	1.00	per day per night per night		
Boats up to 18 feet long Boats 19 feet to 22 feet long Boats 23 feet to 30 feet long Boats 31 feet and longer	Week \$ 4.00 5.00 8.00 11.00	Month \$12.00 16.00 25.00 32.00	Seasonal \$ 50.00 75.00 100.00 150.00	
Peninsula Park Golf Course 9 holes 18 holes Each additional 9 holes Weekly privilege Adult seasonal privilege Juvenile seasonal privilege	$2.25 \\ .75 \\ 10.00$			

Rib Mountain ski tow

Individual Rates	
Adults. \$	3.50 per day
Students (13–17 years of age)	2.00 per day
Children (12 years and under)	1.00 per day
Organized Groups—25 or more	2 2
Adults-Saturday and Sunday	2.50 per day
Adults—Monday through Friday	2.00  per day
Students and children—Weekdays only	1.00 per day
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WCD 45.17 Admission fees. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any automobile, motor truck, motor delivery wagon, bus, motorcycle or other similar motor vehicle or trailer or semi-trailer used in connection therewith in Council Grounds State Forest or Point Beach State Forest or in developed recreational areas in other state forests as designated in subsection (2) or in any state park or roadside park except those designated in subsection (3) and those specified in section 27.01 (2r) (b) Wis. Stats., unless such vehicle has affixed thereto an annual admission sticker or daily admission tag as provided in section 27.01 (2r) (a) Wis. Stats.

(2) The following state forest areas are designated by the Wisconsin conservation commission as developed recreational areas pursuant to section 27.01 (2r) (a) Wis. Stats.:

- (a) American Legion State Forest:
- 1. Bearskin Lake Campground
- 2. Buffalo Lake Campground
- 3. Carrol Lake Campground
- 4. Clear Lake Campground
- 5. Cunnard Lake Campground
- 6. Lake Tomahawk Campground
- (b) Brule River State Forest:
- 1. Highway 2 Campground

(c) Flambeau River State Forest:

1. Connors Lake Campground 2. Connors Lake Picnic Area 3. Lake of the Pines Campground

(d) Black River State Forest:

1. Castle Mounds 2. East Fork Camp Area 3. Pigeon Creek Camp and Picnic Area

(e) Kettle Moraine State Forest-Northern Unit:

1. Long Lake Area 2. Mauthe Lake Area 3. New Prospect Bridle Trail Campground

(f) Kettle Moraine State Forest-Southern Unit:

- 1. Horsemen's Wayside
- 2. Whitewater Lake Campground
- 3. LaGrange Campground
- 4. Ottawa Lake Campground
- 5. Scout Area
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- 7. Indian Mound Camp and Picnic Area
- 8. Gilmore Lake Campground
- 9. Clear Lake Picnic Area and Beach
- 10. Lake Tomahawk Picnic Area and Beach
- 2. Ranger Station Campground

- 6. Horsemen's Picnic Area
  - 7. Whitewater Lake Parking Area
  - 8. LaGrange Picnic Area
  - 9. Ottawa Lake Picnic Area

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(g) Northern Highland State Forest:

- 1. Big Lake Campground
- 2. Big Muskellunge Lake Campground
- 3. Crystal Lake Campground
- 4. Jag Lake Campground
- 5. Little John Lake Campground
- 6. Plum Lake Campground
- 7. Primitive Campgrounds
- 8. Razorback Lake Campground
- 9. Sandy Beach Lake Campground
- 10. Star Lake Campgrounds
- 11. Starrett Lake Campground

- 13. Trout Lake Campground and Picnic Area—South
- 14. Upper Gresham Lake Campground
- 15. Vance Lake Campground
- 16. White Sand Lake Campground
- 17. Crystal Lake Picnic Areas and Beach
- 18. Sandy Beach Lake Picnic Area

(3) The following areas are designated by the Wisconsin conservation commission as state park areas in which vehicle admission stickers or admission tags are not required pursuant to section 27.01(2r) (b) (4) Wis. Stats.:

- (a) Copper Culture
- (b) Ojibwa

- (e) Lizard Mound
- (f) Lost Dauphin
- (g) Aztalan
- (c) New Glarus Woods(d) Old Wade House

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WCD 45.18 Closing hours. It shall be unlawful to enter any state park or any camp or picnic area in any state forest between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and the following 4:00 a.m.

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WCD 45.19 Exceptions. Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit or hinder the state conservation commission of Wisconsin, its supervisors, managers, foresters, wardens, rangers or other duly authorized agents, or any peace officers from performing their official duties.

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