

4th Quarter 2024 Walks & Strolls

Dear Walkers,

We are pleased to present a comprehensive Walks and Strolls Programme for the fourth quarter of 2024, featuring an impressive 24 walks and 21 strolls. This diverse array of outings offers something for everyone, catering to various preferences in terms of location, distance, and terrain. From urban explorations to rural adventures, and from gentle strolls to challenging hikes, participants can choose experiences that suit their interests and abilities. Many of the strolls are conveniently accessible by public transport, promoting eco-friendly participation. The programme showcases the dedication of our walk leaders, who have created these routes with care and enthusiasm, hoping for favourable autumn weather to complement the experience without too much mud underfoot!

Highlights include the traditional Christmas event on December 19th, combining a walk and stroll with carol singing and mince pies at Newtimber Church. For those seeking a more rigorous challenge, the 25-mile Autumn marathon over the East Sussex Downs on October 15th promises a memorable day of hiking.

We would like to extend our gratitude to all the leaders who have contributed to this extensive and varied programme, ensuring a rich selection of outdoor activities for our members and guests throughout the season.

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Notes for walkers:

- Please ensure you have read the 'Walks Guidance Notes' on our website.
- If the walk says: 'Booking by email to', then please contact the leader in advance so that he knows how many walkers to cater for and can notify you of any late alterations.
- Please remember to take care of your own safety on walks and strolls, and make sure you wear appropriate footwear and clothing and that you are fit for the walk or stroll as outlined.
- Make your own way to the meeting place, but please consider the use of car-sharing or public transport where possible. For advice about a particular walk or stroll contact the leader, or the office on the number at the bottom of this page. The code before the grid reference, e.g. 121 or OL10, refers to maps in the OS 1:25,000 Explorer series. The postcode is a guide only; the six-digit grid reference will be more precise and where that may be ambiguous the What3Words address in the format ///word1.word2.word3 more accurate still.
- New walkers: Please note that the start time on the programme is the time we start walking. Arrive at the meeting place at least 15 minutes before this time to allow for putting on boots and listening to the safety briefing from the leader. The finish time is an estimate by the leader and may vary due to conditions on the day of the walk. DoW after the phone number means that the leader's mobile number is to be used for the day of the walk only.
- All routes are circular unless stated otherwise. At lunch breaks, some people have a snack in the pub or café (unless the walk is picnic only) while others eat their packed lunch away from the pub premises and then go there for a drink or coffee. We usually stop for about an hour. Pub lunches at the end of strolls are optional.
- Strolls (shaded) are a maximum of 9 miles. Walks (unshaded) are over 9 miles. Abbreviations in use: CP=Car Park; PCNU=PostCode Not Useful; RSP=Roadside Parking; ORP=Off-Road Parking (i.e. not a car park); well-known trails may also be abbreviated, e.g. SDW=South Downs Way, SBP=Sussex Border Path.
- Dogs: Where permitted, dogs must be under control and owners must do as requested by the leader; extendable leads are prohibited.

Date & Time	Start Location OS Explorer Map / Grid Reference	Title and Outline of the Route Leader and Contact Details Notes, if applicable	Length (miles)
<u>Bolney to Warninglid</u>			
Tuesday 1 October 09:45 - 15:45	Bolney Crossways (Old A23) on east side of A23 flyover) RH17 5RN OL34 / TQ265226	Bookers Farm, Earwig Lane, Freechase Hill, Warninglid (Pub – Half Moon), Slaughamplace Farm, Playdells Farm <i>Notes: ///merely.flashing.innovator</i>	12
<u>Ditchling Diversion</u>			
Tuesday 1 October 10:00 - 13:00	Keymer Rd, Ditchling BN6 8TR 122 / TQ323152	Toward Ditchling Common and back. Flat farmland. Lunch at end of stroll – Picnic on the Green, or White Horse pub. <i>Notes: The car park is relatively new – about 1 year old. It is just to the west of the church and war memorial W3W CP ///outgrown.harmonica.signal</i>	5.5
<u>Burton Mill and Duncton</u>			
Thursday 3 October 09:00 - 15:45	Burton Mill Pond CP Burton Park Road GU28 0JR OL10 / SU979180	Heath End, Barnett’s Bridge, Calloways, Duncton (Pub – The Cricketers), Barlavington Down, Sutton End <i>Notes: ///bluff.instant.playback</i>	13
<u>Lord, Let it be Dry</u>			
Tuesday 8 October 09:00 - 16:15	Lords Piece Coats Lane CP RH20 1PZ OL10 / SU990174	Serpent Trail, Sutton, Bignor, Westburton Hill, The Denture, Whiteways, Monarch’s Way, River Arun, Amberley (Pub – Black Horse), Wild Brooks, Waltham Brooks, Watersfield, Trip Hill, Sutton Common <i>Notes: ///started.lousy.gushes (this is NOT the Lords Piece CP we normally use)</i>	15.8
<u>Past the Golden Galleon to the Market Cross Inn</u>			
Thursday 10 October 09:00 - 16:30	Martello Tower, Seaford BN25 1JH OL25 / TV485985	Seaford Head, Exceat Bridge, Friston Forest, Alfriston (pubs, café or on the Tye), SDW, the Comp, Bishopstone, Seaford <i>Notes: Parking along the Esplanade near the Tower; ///luckier.bonfires.waltz</i>	16
<u>Firle / Charleston Circular</u>			
Thursday 10 October 10:00 - 13:00	Firle Village CP The Street, Firle BN8 6NT OL11 / TQ469074	Firle Village CP, Firle Place, Firle Beacon, Charleston Farmhouse. Lunch (The Ram Inn) at end of stroll. <i>Notes: Car parking – W3W ///sinkhole.morphing.bloomers</i>	5.5

South Downs (East) Marathon

Tuesday 15 October 08:00 - 18:00 East Dean Village CP BN20 0DR OL25 / TV557978 Crowlink, SDW, Exceat, West Dean, Litlington, Cradle Hill, Devilsrest Bottom, Norton, Poverty Bottom, Snap Hill, Beddingham Hill, Preston Court Farm, Firle Village (Pub – The Ram), Firle Beacon, SDW, Alfriston, SDW, Jevington, Bourne Hill, Willingdon Hill
Notes: ///took.jolt.itself

Milling About Duncton

Tuesday 15 October 10:00 - 12:30 The Cricketers, Duncton, Nr. Petworth GU28 0LB 121 / SU960170 Duncton Mill, Burton Park, Upper Norwood, Lavington Stud Farm, Seaford college
Notes: CP W3W ///hiring.pronces.pampering

Clayton and Hurstpierpoint

Thursday 17 October 09:30 - 15:15 Clayton Recreation Ground CP BN6 9PQ OL11 / TQ300140 Wolstonbury, Bishop's Place, Albourne Green, Hurstpierpoint (Pub – The New Inn), Hurstpierpoint College, Ockenden's Wood
Notes: ///yawned.norms.spoiled

Petworth Park -Ancient Trees

Thursday 17 October 10:30 - 12:00 Petworth Park, North Car Park (not the Petworth House CP). Nearest post code GU28 9LS OL33 / SU966243 Guided Walk of Petworth Park's Ancient Trees Fascinating walk through the Park trees from 350-800 years old. Petworth's ancient trees walk is dotted with magnificent oaks, limes, beeches and chestnuts, and pass the famous Beelzebub Oak which has its own plaque in the wall behind it. The Autumn colours will be delightful.
Notes: Dogs welcome

Devil's Dyke to Clayton

Saturday 19 October 10:00 - 15:30 Devil's Dyke Car Park BN1 8YL OL11 / TQ258111 Saddlescombe, Pyecombe, Wolstonbury Hill, Clayton (Pub – Jack & Jill), Haresdean

Boxgrove and Halnaker Windmill

Monday 21 October 10:00 - 12:45 Boxgrove Village Hall CP PO18 0EE OL10 / SU906076 Boxgrove, Stane Street, Halnaker Windmill, Boxgrove Priory
Notes: CP W3W ///composer.mornings.shred

Double AA

Tuesday 22 October 09:00 - 15:45 Amberley Village CP BN18 9NB OL10 / SU031129 SDW, Rackham Hill, Wepham Down, Monarchs Way, Arundel (Pub – Red Lion), Arundel Park, Houghton
Notes: ///nametag.rootng.annotated

Cardio-Vascular at 2 o'clock

Thursday 24 October 09:00 – 16:00	Clayton Jack & Jill CP BN6 9PG OL11 / TQ303134	New Barn Farm, Lower Standean, North Bottom, High Park Farm, White Thorn, Western Brow, Streat Hill, Old Middleton, Hayleigh Farm, Ditchling (Tea room – Nutmeg Tree), Westmeston Place, Westmeston Bostall, Ditchling Beacon, SDW <i>Notes: The specified lunch venue is The Nutmeg Tree, the location where, in 2009, Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP signed the order confirming creation of the South Downs National Park. However, there are also two pubs in the town for those who prefer that option. ///chins.operating.fairy AM: 10.5 mi, PM: 5.5 mi</i>	16
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From Buriton Across The Downs

Tuesday 29 October 09:00 - 16:00	Buriton Halls Hill CP GU31 5SJ OL8 / SU734198	Buriton village, Oakham Bottom, West Harting Down, Markwell's Wood, Finchdean (Pub – George Inn), SBP, Idsworth Down, Chalton Down, Chalton village, Queen Elizabeth Forest, War Down <i>Notes: ///jogging.dumpling.sprinkler AM: 7.5 mi, PM: 6.5 mi</i>	14
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Crowlink to Birling Gap

Tuesday 29 October 10:00 - 13:15	NT Crowlink CP, Crowlink Lane, Crowlink, East Dean and Friston BN20 0AZ 123 / TV550979	Stroll from Crowlink to Birling Gap over Went Hill. Coffee at Birling Gap then return via Belle Tout, Cornish Farm and East Dean. <i>Notes: Fee payable at CP, unless NT Member.</i>	5.5
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The Song Remains the Same

Thursday 31 October 09:00 - 16:00	Hellingly Cuckoo Trail CP BN27 4EU OL25 / TQ584120	Wellshurst Golf Club, Gun Hill, East Hoathly (Pub – Kings Head), Wealdway, Perryland Farm <i>Notes: ///primary.stunt.skipped</i>	13
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Washington Heights

Thursday 31 October 10:00 - 13:30	SDW Trail Car Park, Washington Bostal, Washington RH20 4AZ OL34 / TQ120119	Walk to the village of Sullington to see its ancient Church tithe barn and museum. Return via Chantry and a splendid stretch of the SDW. A beautiful walk with splendid views and points of interest. <i>Notes: CP W3W ///encloses.rich.exhaled Parking just off A24 south of Washington. Dogs welcome, I shall be bringing along Sheba and Freddie</i>	5.5
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Beauti-Fall

Saturday 2 November 10:00 - 14:00	Stoughton Down CP Wildham Lane, Stoughton PO18 9JG OL08 / SU815126	A woody circuit of Kingley Vale & Inholmes Wood to celebrate autumn <i>Notes: CP W3W ///unloads.doghouse.duties Post Code is approximate</i>	7.7
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Round the Vineyard

Monday 4 November 10:00 - 13:00	Alfriston Willows CP BN26 5UQ OL25 / TQ521033	Alfriston Willows CP (P&D), circle the Rathfinny Vineyard with coffee there and back via the river path . Lunch pub/café in Alfriston (tbc) at end of stroll. <i>Notes: CP W3W ///assembles.crash.nuggets</i>	6
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The Gunpowder Plot

Tuesday 5 November 09:00 - 16:00	Newlands Corner Guildford GU4 8SE 145 / TQ043493	NDW, Hillside Fm, Mountain Wood, Netley Heath, Hackhurst Downs, Abinger Hammer, Gomshall, Shere (Pub – White Horse), Pilgrims' Way, Colyers Hanger, Albury Mill, Chilworth Manor, St Martha's Hill, Albury Downs <i>Notes: ///homes.dish.youth</i>	15.2
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Does The Fox Go Free?

Thursday 7 November 09:00 - 15:45	Lavant RSP PO18 0AH OL8 / SU859083	West Sussex Literary Trail, West Dean, Colworth Down, Charlton (Pub – The Fox Goes Free), Goodwood, St Roche's Hill <i>Notes: ///goats.spit.rival</i> <i>Plenty of RSP alongside river on Sheepwash Lane</i>	14
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A Mid Sussex Meander

Thursday 7 November 10:00 - 13:00	The Half Moon CP Warninglid RH17 5TR 134 / TQ250261	Through woodland to the southernmost lake at Leonardslee, Minepits Wood, Steep Wood, Colwood, Rout Farm. Lunch at the Half Moon after the stroll. <i>Notes: CP W3W ///wager.shudders.crunching</i>	6
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Authors and Batsmen

Tuesday 12 November 09:00 - 16:00	Counters Gate C.P. PO18 0QU OL10 / SU899113	Charlton, North Down, Calloways, Upper Norwood, Duncton (Pub – The Cricketers), Tegleaze, East Dean, Counters Gate <i>Notes: ///fees.earth.sculpting</i>	14.5
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War Footing

Wednesday 13 November 10:00 - 14:00	Iping Common CP, Elstead Rd, Nr Midhurst GU29 0JT OL08 / SU852220	On this short walk we will travel through 1000+ years of military history. We will be discovering the imprint of war upon the landscape of the Western Weald. In our quiet corner of the world, it can be all too easy to feel isolated and safe from global conflict. However, scratch beneath the peace and tranquillity and history reveals a very different picture. More interesting than a school history lesson! <i>Notes: CP W3W ///cornering.scrum.limitless Post Code is approximate</i>	6
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Buddington Bottom and Washington

Thursday 14 November 09:30 - 15:00	Chanctonbury Ring CP BN44 3DR OL10 / TQ146125	Wiston Bostal, Buddington Bottom, Muntham Farm, Storrington (Pub – The Moon), Sullington Warren, Washington Common <i>Notes: ///chum.that.editor</i>	12
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Woodingdean

Friday 15 November 10:00 - 13:15	Woodingdean Norton Drive CP OL11 / TQ356063	The Bostle, Pickers Hill Farm, Swanborough Hill, Juggs Road, Newmarket Hill <i>Notes: CP W3W ///late.slept.taped</i>	8.3
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Bignor Circular

Monday 18 November 10:00 - 12:45	Whiteways CP BN18 9FD OL10 / TQ002108	SDW, Bignor Hill, Houghton Forest <i>Notes: CP W3W ///adhesive.youthful.offhand</i>	5.5
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Petworth Figure of Eight

Tuesday 19 November 09:00 - 15:30	Sylvia Beaufoy Centre CP, Tillington Road, Petworth GU28 0ET OL33 / SU975214	Goanah Lodges, Blackhouse Lane, Keyfox Farm, Petworth Park, Petworth(Pub – The Angel), Haslingbourne, Hesworth Farm, Fittleworth House, Egdean, Barnsgate Farm. <i>Notes: ///enough.thanks.branched</i>	15
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Don't Break Your Neck

Thursday 21 November 09:00 - 16:15	Hascombe Hill CP GU8 4BQ OL34 / TQ002391	Hascombe Hill, Nore, GSW, Thorncombe Street, Winkworth, Hydon's Ball, Hambledon (Pub – Merry Harriers), Buss's Common, Hambledon Common, Beech Hill, Hambledon Hurst, Vann, Breakneck Hill, The Hurtwood <i>Notes: ///burglars.ditching.collides</i> <i>(this is NOT the CP opposite the White Horse)</i>	15.7
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Levin Down and Singleton Woods

Monday 25 November 10:00 - 13:00	Footpath next to Singleton Primary School, Singleton PO18 OHP OL13 / SU879132	Walk up Levin Down, through Singleton Woods, Venus Wood back round to Colworth Farm. Down to Cucumber farm and across to Levin Down before returning to Singleton. <i>Notes: The stroll starts at the footpath next to the Primary School. There is on road parking in the village, but please park considerately. Dogs welcome, I will be bringing my Border Collie along.</i>	7.5
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Millenium Trail

Tuesday 26 November 09:00 - 15:30	Hurtwood CP 1 RH5 6NU 145 / TQ099432	Holmbury St Mary, Gomshall, Shere, Little London (Pub – William IV) Lockhurst Hatch Farm, Winterfold Forest, Peaslake <i>Notes: ///rang.puzzle.debate</i>	13.5
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The South Stoke Périphérique

Thursday 28 November 09:00 - 16:00	RSP Torton Hill Rd, Arundel BN18 9GA OL10 / TQ011068	Queen Street Bridge, Warningcamp, MW, Wepham Down, Cross Dyke, SDW, High Titten, Houghton (Pub – The Bridge), MW, Yew Tree Gate, Screens Wood <i>Notes: ///masterful.easels.envoy</i> <i>AM: 9 mi, PM: 6 mi</i>	15
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To The Chantry From Washington

Friday 29 November 10:00 - 13:00	RSP opposite Frankland Arms, Washington RH20 4AL OL34 / TQ082263	A lovely walk with views over the South Downs and across to the sea taking in Barnsfarm Hill, Sullington Hill, Chantry Hill, Sullington, Rowdell, Washington. <i>Notes: RSP W3W ///evaded.stack.consoles</i>	6.5
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Washington to Five Hills

Tuesday 3 December 09:00 - 16:00	RSP opposite Frankland Arms, Washington RH20 4AL OL10 / TQ119120	Barnsfarm Hill, Sullington Hill, Kithurst Hill, Harrow Hill, Church Hills, Findon (Pub – Black Horse), Windlesham House School, Biggen Holt <i>Notes: ///skirting.material.warmers</i> <i>AM: 9.5 mi, PM: 5.25 mi</i>	14.75
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Eastbourne Parks and Twittens Old Town and Ocklynge

Tuesday 3 December 10:00 - 13:00	Lamb Inn, High Street, Eastbourne BN21 1HH 123 / TV599994	Manor Gardens, Gildredge Park, Summer Down Rd, Motcombe Gardens (coffee stop), Ocklynge, Mill Rd, Ivy Lane, Upperton Gardens, Gildredge Park.	5.25
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The La Di Dah Walk

Thursday 5 December 09:00 - 15:30	Iping Common CP, Elsted Road, just S of A272 GU29 0PB OL33 / SU852220	Minsted Farm, Pitsham Lane, Dunford Hollow, Little Todham Farm, Lodsworth (Pub – Hollist Arms), Heath End Farm, Cowdray Park, Midhurst Common, Stedham Common <i>Notes: ///rugs.ballparks.elevator</i>	14.75
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Another battle

Tuesday 10 December 09:00 - 15:45	Newlands Corner CP, Guildford GU4 8SE 145 / TQ043493	Albury Downs, St Martha's Hill, NDW, Wey South Path, Downs Link, Wonersh (Pub – Grantley Arms), Blackheath, Waterloo, Colyers Hanger <i>Notes: ///homes.dish.youth</i>	14
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Murder Most Foul

Tuesday 10 December 09:30 - 13:00	The Droke CP White Rd, East Dean, Chichester PO18 0JJ 121 / SU925127	Up to Selhurst Park Rd, along Monarchs Way Down to East Dean. Then New Rd to scene of a shoot out and murder. Round to Tegleaze and back via Oxen Down. <i>Notes: Dogs welcome, I will be bringing my Border Collie along.</i> <i>CP W3W ///sprayer.crumble.peroxide. East of East Dean/West of</i> <i>Upwaltham</i>	8
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East Sussex Downland Stroll

Thursday 12 December 10:00 - 13:00	Norton Drive CP, Falmer Rd, Woodingdean BN2 6NT OL11 / TQ356063	Standean Bottom, Balsdean Bottom, Juggs Rd, Newmarket Hill, Drove Ave. <i>Notes: CP W3W ///ratio.search.income Please note tight turn from east</i> <i>side of Falmer Rd.</i>	6
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Once Upon a Time in Amardenica

Tuesday 17 December 08:30 - 15:45	Stansted Park Garden Centre overflow CP PO9 6DU OL8 / SU757100	Racton, Walderton, MW, Stoughton, East Marden, North Marden, Up Marden, Compton (Tea room – Guerlain), West Marden, Forestside <i>Notes: ///shaped.fooling.harnassed</i> <i>Early start time is because the walk is 11.5 miles before lunch.</i>	15.5
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Christmas Carols Walk

Thursday 19 December 09:00 - 16:30	RSP Newtimber Church BN6 9BT OL11 / TQ271135	Wolstonbury Hill, Cow Down, Saddlescombe, Poynings Grange Farm, Fulking (Pub – Shepherd and Dog), Brook House, Newtimber. Carols followed by tea and mince pies in the church from ca. 3:30 pm. <i>Notes: ///restores.demoted.chief</i>	11.6
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Christmas Carols Stroll

Thursday 19 December 10:30 - 16:30	RSP Newtimber Church BN6 9BT OL11 / TQ271135	A short (2.8 Mile) stroll to meet the “walkers” for lunch at the Shepherd and Dog pub, Fulking. Then head for the Church for carols starting ca. 3.30 pm followed by tea and mince pies.	5.6
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End The Year With A Beer

Saturday 28 December 10:00 - 14:00	Langham Brewery, The Granary, Langham Lane Lodsworth Nr. Petworth GU28 9BU OL8 / SU927225	Kickstart your year-end celebrations with a beautiful walk from Langham Brewery in Lodsworth. We will be enjoying the local views around the Cowdray Estate, before savouring a glass of their delicious brews.	6
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The Albion Are Away So We Can Go Out And Play

Monday 30 December 10:00 - 13:15	Middle Street BN1 9PD 122 / TQ354090	Burn off some Christmas Calories with this stroll from Falmer to Richmond Hill, Millbank Wood, Ditchling Beacon, SDW, Stanmer Down. Then put them back on with Lunch (pub) Black Swan at end of stroll. <i>Notes: Parking on street W3W ///apartment.brotherly.alarming</i>	7.75
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