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The Local's Guide to the *Victor Valley*

The best things to do, see and eat in the High Desert, sorted city by city by the people who live here.

Victorville · Hesperia · Apple Valley · Oak Hills · Adelanto

30+ local favorites

12-month event calendar

8 easy day trips

24-item bucket list

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WELCOME TO THE HIGH DESERT

Live Where You Love



People who've never been up the Cajon Pass think the High Desert is just a stretch of freeway on the way to Vegas. Those of us who live here know better.

The Victor Valley has mountain lakes and Route 66 diners, rodeo weekends and quiet trails, big skies and real community. We've helped more than 350 families find their place here since 2011, and the question we hear most isn't about square footage. It's **"What's there to do?"**

So we wrote it down. This guide covers our favorite spots in all five communities, plus a year-round event calendar, easy day trips and a bucket list to work through. Whether you just moved here, you're thinking about it, or you've been here twenty years and want something new for Saturday, there's something in here for you.

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Humans Over Houses

01	**Victorville**	Route 66, Old Town eats and the Mojave Narrows
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THE BIG PICTURE

The Victor Valley at a Glance

Five communities, one connected valley. Most of what's in this guide is within a 20-minute drive of everything else.



Interstate 15 | State & U.S. highways | Mojave River

5	2,900–4,000 ft	~6 in.	~90 min	~3 hrs
COMMUNITIES	TYPICAL ELEVATION	RAIN PER YEAR	TO DOWNTOWN L.A.	TO LAS VEGAS

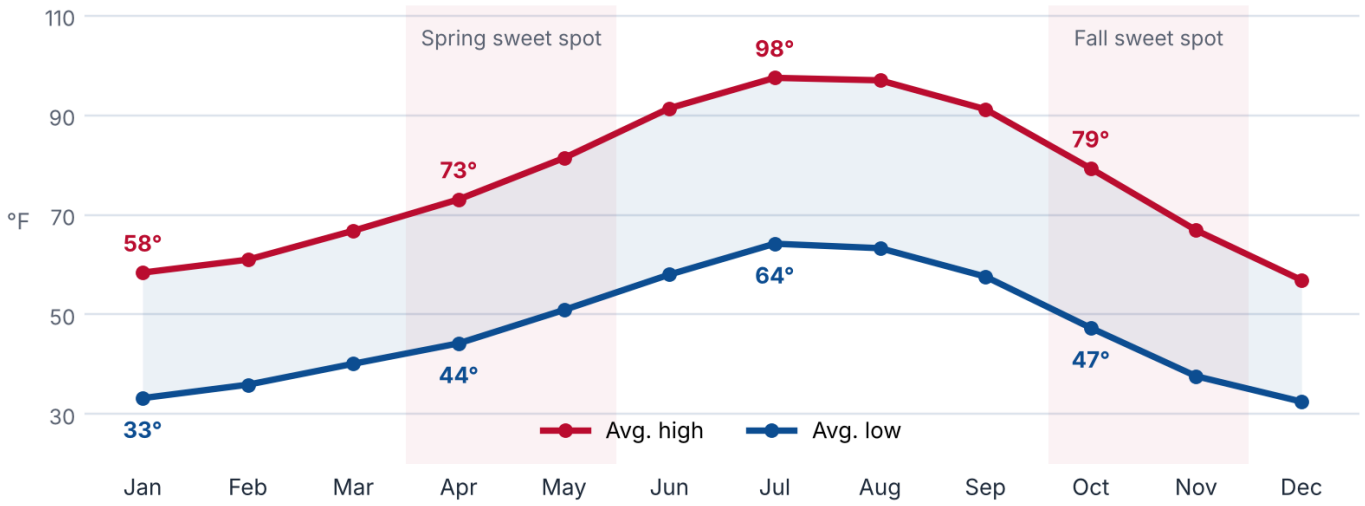
WHAT'S COMING

Brightline West's planned high-speed rail line to Las Vegas includes proposed stations in Hesperia and Apple Valley along I-15. It's a long-range project, but it's one more reason people are watching the High Desert.

PLAN AROUND THE WEATHER

Four Real Seasons

Desert living means hot summers and chilly winter nights, but spring and fall are spectacular. Here's what a typical year looks like in Victorville.



Average daily high and low temperatures, Victorville. Source: NOAA 1991–2020 climate normals. Hesperia and Oak Hills run a few degrees cooler thanks to higher elevation.

MAR – MAY

Spring

Hiking, camping, wildflowers and the County Fair. Prime time for being outside all day.

JUN – AUG

Summer

Lake days, early-morning fishing and evening events. Plan outdoor activity before 10 a.m.

SEP – NOV

Fall

Rodeos, festivals and golf weather. Many locals call this the best season of the year.

DEC – FEB

Winter

Crisp, sunny days. Snow in the mountains a short drive away, rarely on the valley floor.

CURTIS'S LOCAL TIP

The wind is the part nobody warns you about. Spring afternoons can get gusty, so plan picnics and hikes for the morning, and keep a light jacket in the car year-round. Desert nights cool off fast.

CHAPTER 01

Victorville

Route 66 roots, big-city convenience



Victorville is the commercial heart of the Victor Valley and the place where the High Desert's Route 66 story comes alive. Start in Old Town on D Street, eat where the truckers eat, then trade pavement for cottonwoods along the Mojave River.

2,959 ft Elevation

886 acres Mojave Narrows Park

Since 1947 Holland Burger on D St.

California Route 66 Museum

HISTORY · MUST-DO

Exhibits, photos and memorabilia that tell the story of the Mother Road and the desert towns that grew up along it. A quick, fun stop for road-trip fans of every age.

16825 D Street, Old Town · Typically Mon–Sat 10–4, Sun 11–3

Emma Jean's Holland Burger Cafe

FOOD · ROUTE 66

Open since 1947 and featured on *Diners, Drive-ins and Dives* and in *Kill Bill: Vol. 2*. Order the half-pound Holland Burger or the Trucker's Special, and save room for cobbler.

17143 D Street · Early breakfast & lunch, closed Sundays

Mojave Narrows Regional Park

OUTDOORS · FAMILY PICK

An 886-acre county park where the Mojave River surfaces. Fish the 50-acre lake, walk shaded trails, camp overnight and watch for some of the 250+ bird species recorded here.

18000 Yates Road · County park day-use fees apply

Old Town Murals & 7th Street

FREE · HISTORY

Walk Old Town's painted murals, the Veterans Memorial at Seventh Street and Forrest Avenue, and the historic buildings that line the old highway corridor.

Old Town Victorville · Best on a cool morning

San Bernardino County Fair

EVENTS · FAMILY PICK

Every spring the fairgrounds come alive with rides, livestock shows, bull riding, a demolition derby and concerts. The 2026 fair ran over two weekends in late May.

San Bernardino County Fairgrounds, Victorville

City Special Events

FREE · EVENTS

Victorville hosts a Fall Festival, a Veterans Day Parade & Ceremony, a Winter Festival & Tree Lighting, Concerts in the Park and a Spring Festival & Egg Hunt.

victorvilleca.gov · Check the city calendar for dates

CURTIS'S LOCAL TIP

Pair the Route 66 Museum with an early lunch at Emma Jean's. They're a few blocks apart on D Street, and the cafe closes in the early afternoon, so don't leave it for last.

THINKING ABOUT LIVING IN VICTORVILLE?

From established neighborhoods to newer subdivisions, Victorville has the widest mix of homes and price points in the valley. Ask us for a custom list of what's on the market right now.

Call or text **760-780-3977**

CHAPTER 02

Hesperia

Lakes, mountain views and room to breathe



Hesperia sits higher than its neighbors, so summers run a touch milder and the mountains feel close. It's the valley's gateway to Silverwood Lake, home to one of the best fishing spots around, and full of open space.

3,186 ft Elevation (city center)

976 acres Silverwood Lake surface

Since 1957 Hesperia Rec & Park District

Hesperia Lake Park

OUTDOORS · FAMILY PICK

Pay-to-fish lake stocked with channel catfish every Friday. No state license needed. Add about 50 campsites, an equestrian camp, picnic areas and soccer fields. Park entry is free.

7500 Arrowhead Lake Rd · Fishing from $25/adult · 760-244-5951

Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area

OUTDOORS · MUST-DO

A mountain lake off Highway 138 with two swim beaches, a marina with boat and kayak rentals, paved and dirt trails, and fishing for bass, catfish, crappie and seasonally stocked trout.

Hwy 138, south of Hesperia · State park fees apply

CalEarth Open House

UNIQUE · LEARNING

See the world-famous Superadobe earth-dome homes developed right here in Hesperia. Monthly open houses start with a guided tour. Reservations required.

10177 Baldy Lane · $15, under 5 free · Next: Nov 7 & Dec 5, 2026

Hesperia Golf & Country Club

GOLF

An 18-hole course known for narrow fairways and fast greens. It hosted PGA Tour stops in the 1950s and '60s, back when Hollywood stars came up the hill to play.

17970 Bangor Ave · Open to the public

Hesperia Days Rodeo Weekend

EVENTS · FAMILY PICK

The city's signature celebration: rodeo and bull riding, live entertainment, food vendors and fireworks at Hesperia Lake Park. In 2026 it ran September 19–20.

Hesperia Lake Park · hesperiaparks.gov

Neighborhood Parks & Rec

FREE · ACTIVE

Hesperia Community Park, Civic Plaza Park, Lime Street Park and the Power Play Center keep the calendar full with youth sports, aquatics, skating and senior programs.

hesperiaparks.gov

CURTIS'S LOCAL TIP

On catfish stock days at Hesperia Lake, the line forms as early as 5 a.m. Bring a thermos, get there early, and you'll understand why locals plan their Fridays around it.

THINKING ABOUT LIVING IN HESPERIA?

Larger lots, newer construction and quick freeway access to the Cajon Pass make Hesperia a favorite with commuters. We'll walk you through which neighborhoods fit your drive and your budget.

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CHAPTER 03

Apple Valley

Wide-open skies with a Western heart



Apple Valley was built on ranch land and Hollywood glamour. Roy Rogers and Dale Evans called it home for decades, and Highway 18 through town is still the "Happy Trails Highway." Today it's known for big skies, horse properties and a slower pace.

2,917 ft Elevation

75+ years Of golf at the town course

Hwy 18 The Happy Trails Highway

Victor Valley Museum

HISTORY · FAMILY PICK

Mastodons, minerals, mining and "Military in the Mojave" exhibits, plus Curious City, a hands-on play space for little ones. Second Saturdays bring free-form art projects.

11873 Apple Valley Rd · Wed–Sun 10–4 · Adults $10, kids 6–12 $5

Apple Valley Golf Course

GOLF · FOOD

A public par-71 course celebrating 75+ years of play, where Arnold Palmer and Gary Player once teed off. Grab wood-fired pizza at The Bistro after your round.

15200 Rancherias Rd · 9 or 18 holes

Town's End Stillhouse & Grill

FOOD · LOCAL

A local favorite for burgers, ribeye tacos, the ahi tuna stack and a full bar, with events and live music on the calendar.

22020 Hwy 18 · Lunch & dinner daily

Freedom Festival (July 4th)

EVENTS · FREE

Apple Valley's Independence Day party: live performances, family activities, local vendors, a beer garden and a big fireworks finale.

Lenny Brewster Sports Center, 21024 Otoe Rd

Town Parks & Horsemen's Center

OUTDOORS · EQUESTRIAN

Eleven town parks, including Civic Center Park on Dale Evans Parkway, Sycamore Rocks and the Horsemen's Center on Highway 18 for arena events and riding.

applevalley.org · Parks open dawn to dusk

Deep Creek Hot Springs

ADVENTURE

Natural hot pools in the national forest south of town. Access via Bowen Ranch Road (private, fee) and a steep 2.5-mile trail with a tough climb out. For experienced hikers.

Check Forest Service alerts first · Don't submerge your head

CURTIS'S LOCAL TIP

Drive the Happy Trails Highway at golden hour. Then stop by Sunset Hills Memorial Park on Waalew Road, where Roy Rogers and Dale Evans are laid to rest. It's a quiet, moving piece of local history.

THINKING ABOUT LIVING IN APPLE VALLEY?

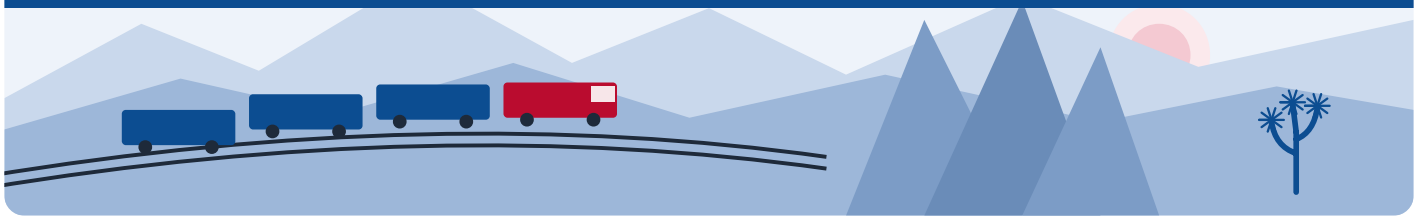
Want space for horses, a workshop or just a bigger backyard? Apple Valley offers some of the valley's best acreage options. We know the zoning, the water and the roads to ask about.

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CHAPTER 04

Oak Hills

Country living at the top of the pass



Oak Hills is the High Desert's rural escape: big lots, horse trails, Joshua trees and juniper, with the Cajon Pass right next door. It's also home base for The Hurst Group, and our favorite place to watch the sun set over the San Gabriels.

3,360 ft Mormon Rocks trailhead

1-mile Easy interpretive loop

Since 2011 Our home base

Mormon Rocks Interpretive Trail

OUTDOORS · FREE

An easy one-mile loop up a ridge overlooking the dramatic tilted sandstone slabs of Mormon Rocks, with views across the Cajon Pass. Watch for swifts, hawks and horned lizards.

Mormon Rocks Fire Station, Hwy 138 just west of I-15 · No parking fee

Cajon Pass Train Watching

FREE · FAMILY PICK

Some of the busiest freight-rail traffic in the West climbs through the pass. Railfans come from all over to photograph trains on famous spots like Sullivan's Curve.

Stay on public land and well clear of the tracks

Route 66 Through the Pass

HISTORY · SCENIC

Old Route 66 climbs through Oak Hills. The beloved Summit Inn diner stood at 5970 Mariposa Road from 1952 until the 2016 Blue Cut Fire. Its story is still part of the drive.

Mariposa Rd & Hwy 138 area

Horse Country & Open Space

EQUESTRIAN · SCENIC

Dirt roads, wide lots and riding trails make Oak Hills one of the most horse-friendly communities in the valley. Bring your camera at sunset; the light on the mountains is something else.

Respect private property and posted trails

CURTIS'S LOCAL TIP

Our office is right here at 6550 Caliente Road. If you're exploring Oak Hills, stop in and say hello. We'll point you to the best viewpoints and tell you what the listing photos don't.

THINKING ABOUT LIVING IN OAK HILLS?

Oak Hills properties are different: wells versus water service, septic, zoning for animals, fire-safe landscaping. We've sold here for years and will help you buy with your eyes open.

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CHAPTER 05

Adelanto

Desert history and wide-open adventure



Adelanto was founded in 1915 by E.H. Richardson, the inventor behind the Hotpoint electric iron, as one of Southern California's first planned communities. Its name means "advance" in Spanish, and today it's the valley's gateway to off-road country.

1915 Year founded

27,275 acres El Mirage OHV Area

$3 million New park, opened 2024

El Mirage OHV Area & Dry Lake

ADVENTURE · MUST-DO

A huge BLM recreation area west of town for dirt bikes, ATVs, land yachts, model rockets and gyrocopters. Hollywood loves it too: *Terminator* and *Star Trek* filmed here.

Via Hwy 395 & El Mirage Rd · Vehicle pass $15/day, $90/season

Adelanto's Newest Park

FREE · FAMILY PICK

A $3 million park with a splash pad, play structure, basketball court, shaded picnic areas, workout equipment and restrooms. Opened in November 2024.

Chamberlaine Way & Jonathan Street

Adelanto Plaza & Event Center

EVENTS

The former home of the High Desert Mavericks minor league baseball team, now the city's venue for events, banquets and community gatherings.

Adelanto Stadium · adelantoca.gov

George Air Force Base History

HISTORY

The airfield established here in 1941 became George Air Force Base in 1950 and shaped the whole valley for decades. Its legacy lives on in the Southern California Logistics Airport.

See the "Military in the Mojave" exhibit at the Victor Valley Museum

CURTIS'S LOCAL TIP

El Mirage conditions change with the weather. Call BLM's Barstow office at 760-252-6000 before you haul out, and buy your pass ahead of time so you're not hunting for exact change at the fee machine.

THINKING ABOUT LIVING IN ADELANTO?

Adelanto offers some of the valley's most attainable prices and plenty of newer homes. If you're a first-time buyer, ask us about down payment assistance programs.

Call or text **760-780-3977**

BONUS RESOURCE

The High Desert Event Calendar

There's something happening every month. Dates shift year to year, so confirm on the city or venue website before you go.

JAN

- Cool, crisp hiking season
- Snow days a short drive up the hill

FEB

- Wildflower watch begins on the desert floor

MAR

- Victorville Spring Festival & Egg Hunt (around Easter)
- Spring camping at Mojave Narrows

APR

- Peak hiking weather
- Silverwood Lake season ramps up

MAY

- San Bernardino County Fair, Victorville

JUN

- Concerts in the Park
- Early-morning fishing at Hesperia Lake

JUL

- Apple Valley Freedom Festival (July 4)
- Night fishing at Hesperia Lake

AUG

- Lake days at Silverwood
- Monsoon sunsets

SEP

- Hesperia Days Rodeo Weekend
- Route 66 Car Show & Block Party, Old Town Victorville

OCT

- Victorville Fall Festival
- Calico Ghost Haunt
- CalEarth Open House

NOV

- Veterans Day Parade & Ceremony, Victorville
- CalEarth Open House
- Calico Holiday Fest (Thanksgiving weekend)

DEC

- Winter Festival & Tree Lighting, Victorville
- CalEarth Open House
- Snow play a short drive up the mountain

2026 IS A BIG YEAR

Route 66 turned 100 in 2026, and Old Town Victorville celebrated with a free car show and block party on 7th Street. Watch for more Mother Road events as the centennial celebrations continue.

BONUS RESOURCE

Easy Day Trips from the Valley

One of the best parts of living here is what's nearby. Mountains, ghost towns, national parks and the city are all within reach. Approximate drive times from Victorville; traffic and weather vary.

Elmer's Bottle Tree Ranch Oro Grande	~15 min	Free, open-air folk art: about 200 "trees" made from 1,000+ glass bottles on old Route 66.
Wrightwood & Mountain High San Gabriel Mtns	~35 min	Pine trees, a walkable village, summer hiking and winter skiing.
Lake Arrowhead San Bernardino Mtns	~45 min	Lakeside village, boat tours and cool mountain air.
Calico Ghost Town Yermo	~45 min	A restored 1880s silver-mining town and county park. Ghost Haunt runs late October.
Big Bear Lake via Hwy 18	~75 min	Year-round mountain getaway: skiing, boating, hiking and the village.
Joshua Tree National Park Yucca Valley area	~90 min	Iconic boulders, starry skies and the famous trees in their namesake park.
Downtown Los Angeles via Cajon Pass	~90 min	Museums, sports and the beach, close enough for a day without living in the traffic.
Las Vegas via I-15 north	~3 hrs	Shows, dining and a weekend away, an easy straight shot up the freeway.

CURTIS'S LOCAL TIP

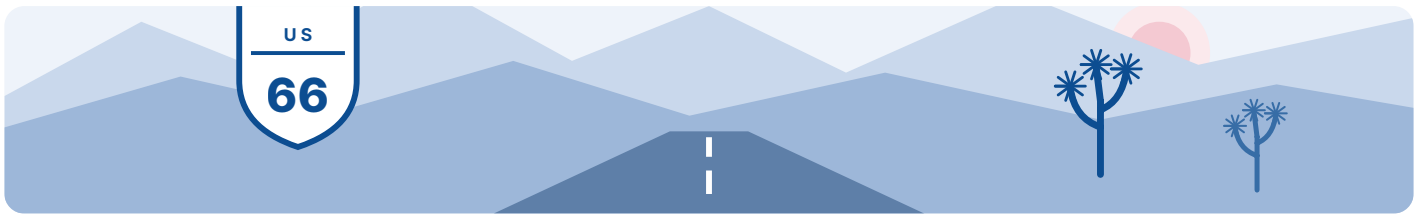
Elmer's Bottle Tree Ranch is free, just up old Route 66 in Oro Grande, and best visited late in the afternoon when the sun lights up the glass. Combine it with a Route 66 Museum visit for a perfect half-day.

BONUS RESOURCE

The Local's Bucket List

24 ways to fall in love with the High Desert. Print it, stick it on the fridge and check them off. Tag us when you do!

- [ ] Tour the California Route 66 Museum
- [ ] Eat a Holland Burger at Emma Jean's
- [ ] Catch a catfish at Hesperia Lake Park
- [ ] Swim or paddle at Silverwood Lake
- [ ] Walk the Mormon Rocks loop
- [ ] Watch a freight train climb the Cajon Pass
- [ ] Ride (or watch) the rodeo at Hesperia Days
- [ ] Spot birds at Mojave Narrows
- [ ] See the mastodon at the Victor Valley Museum
- [ ] Play a round at a 75-year-old golf course
- [ ] Tour the Superadobe domes at CalEarth
- [ ] Drive the Happy Trails Highway at sunset
- [ ] Ride the El Mirage dry lake bed
- [ ] Walk Old Town Victorville's murals
- [ ] Ride the Ferris wheel at the County Fair
- [ ] Watch the July 4th fireworks in Apple Valley
- [ ] Wander Elmer's Bottle Tree Ranch
- [ ] Pan for history at Calico Ghost Town
- [ ] Hike to Deep Creek Hot Springs (if you're up for it)
- [ ] Cool off with a splash pad day in Adelanto
- [ ] Ski or sled in Wrightwood
- [ ] Camp under the stars at Mojave Narrows
- [ ] Stargaze from a dark backyard
- [ ] Find your favorite High Desert neighborhood



NEW TO THE HIGH DESERT?

Ask us for our favorite local spots, the best sunset views and the hidden gems that never make the travel sites. We love sharing them.

Call or text

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FIND YOUR FIT

Where to Find What You Love

Every community in the valley has its own personality. Use this quick guide to see where your favorite activities are closest to home.

	Victorville	Hesperia	Apple Valley	Oak Hills	Adelanto
Route 66 & history	●	○	○	●	○
Lakes & fishing	●	●	–	○	–
Hiking & nature	●	○	○	●	–
Golf	–	●	●	–	–
Equestrian	–	●	●	●	–
Off-road & OHV	–	–	–	–	●
Shopping & dining	●	○	○	–	–
Big community events	●	●	●	–	○

● Standout ○ Available nearby

More home for your money

Homes in the valley often cost far less than comparable homes down the hill, with bigger lots to match.

Room to breathe

Open space, mountain views and dark night skies, without giving up shopping and services.

Connected

I-15, Highway 395 and Highway 18 put the mountains, Las Vegas and the Inland Empire within easy reach.

Ready to Make It Home? Here's How We Start.

1

Free Strategy Call

Tell us what matters most: commute, space, budget, lifestyle.

2

Community Tour

We'll show you the neighborhoods that fit, in person or by video.

3

Get Pre-Approved

We connect you with trusted local lenders so you can move fast.

4

Find Your Home

Tour with purpose, offer with confidence and close with clarity.



Love the Lifestyle? Let's Find the Home That Goes With It.

Whether you're moving to the High Desert, moving up, or moving across town, we'll help you find the community and the home that fit how you want to live.

SCHEDULE YOUR FREE STRATEGY SESSION

Free Neighborhood Tour

See the communities in this guide with a local who knows them.

Free Home Value Report

Find out what your current home is worth in today's market.

Relocation Help

Moving from out of the area? We'll make the move simple.

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