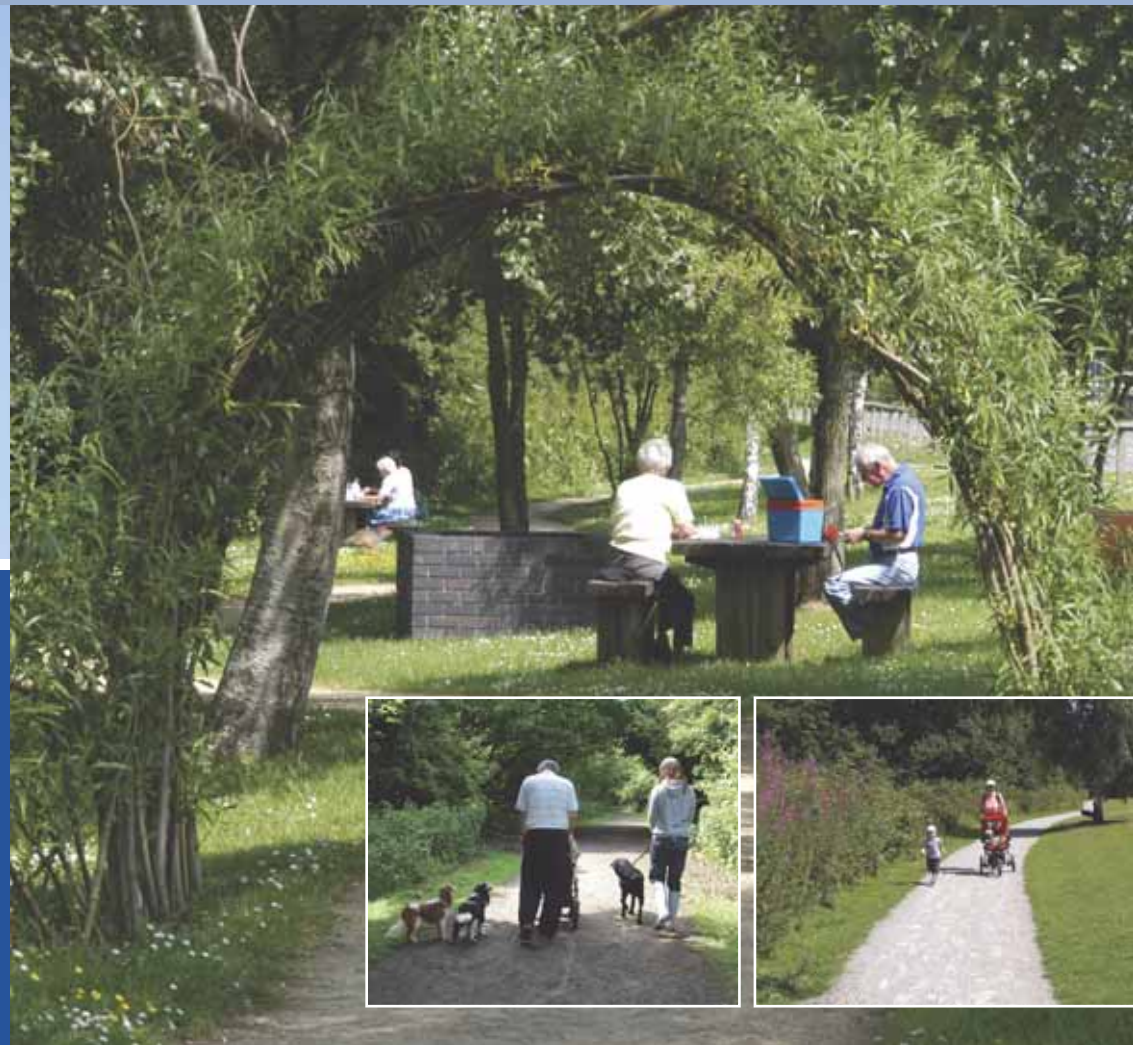


Walks for All

in Cheshire West and Chester



Further suggestions and information on exploring Cheshire on cycle, horseback and on foot can be found on the Discover Cheshire website at www.discovercheshire.co.uk or from the Greenspace team below. If you have enjoyed any similar easily accessible walks in Cheshire West and Chester please feel free to contact the team who can add them to the Discover Cheshire website.

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A selection of walks for all abilities, including those with pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters.



No Steps or stiles... 10 routes... flavour of Cheshire West and Chester...

For Public Transport Information contact Cheshire Travel Line 0871 200 22 33
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Key to maps



Accessible toilets



Viewpoint



Bird Hide



Designated parking



Refreshments



Benches: rest stops are marked on the maps.



Kissing gate: a gate which opens into an enclosure. Some are fitted with RADAR keys for easier access.



Parking



Picnic area

Dogs:



Green: dogs free to exercise.



Amber: please keep dogs under close control.



Red: please keep dogs on a lead.



Motorbike Barrier a gap between posts that would generally enable a pushchair or wheelchair to fit through but prevent access to motorbikes. These barriers offer a gap of approximately 90 cm at ground level, decreasing to a width of 75 cm at 60 cm above the ground, and a width of 45 cm at a height of 120 cm above the ground.

Other information on the maps is shown as follows:

- Suggested route
- Other routes
- Major roads
- Other roads
- Railway line
- Rivers, lakes & coastal areas
- Woodland
- Slope, steeper than 1:10
- Public House PH
- Built up area

Anderton Nature Park

Anderton Nature Park provides a haven for wildlife on restored industrial land adjacent to the historic Victorian boat lift and near to Northwich town centre. For the full story behind the Park's creation visit www.andertonstory.org.uk

As a result of its industrial past areas of salt, lime, ash and clinker create different conditions which allow unusual plants to thrive.



SUGGESTED ROUTE

DISTANCE: 4km (2½ miles).

ALLOW: 2-3 hours.

DESCRIPTION: There are several routes to explore but the route high-lighted is fully accessible and takes you along a fabulous waterside walk with the option of visiting the bird hide at Haydn's pool. There is one motorbike barrier along the canal towpath. It is a wonderful walk that allows you to experience various different wildlife habitats. You could also visit the Anderton Boat lift and make a real day of it.



VISITOR INFORMATION

The Park is located off Marbury Road and is adjacent to the Anderton Boat Lift. The Boat Lift is well signed from Northwich town centre and there are regular bus services from Northwich & Warrington, which stop outside Anderton Post Office.

Accessible toilets are located at the Boat Lift Visitor Centre, where there is also a café.

There is a large car park, with 5 dedicated disabled bays.

Car park charges: up to 3 hours - £2; over 3 hours - £3; season ticket - £25; Blue badge holders free.

Car park opens from 9am-8pm (1st Apr.-30th Sept.) and 9am-5pm (1st Oct.-31st Mar.)



Ashton's and Neumann's Flashes

These reclaimed lime beds provide an excellent area for short walks and bird watching. Its industrial past creates unique conditions that allow many unusual species to thrive. The presence of salt has allowed many seaside plants to establish and the areas recent use as lime beds provide ideal conditions for the rare Dingy skipper butterfly.



SUGGESTED ROUTE

DISTANCE: 3.5 km-5km (2-3miles).

ALLOW: 1-2 hours.

SURFACE: Level compacted grit surface throughout.

DESCRIPTION: Choice of small/large circular walk or figure of eight combination. There are several bench and resting points around the site and two wheelchair accessible bird hides. There are further paths leading to other parts of the Northwich Woodlands but these often have more uneven surfaces and gradients greater than 1:10.



VISITOR INFORMATION

The site can be accessed from the Old Warrington Road; secondary access is available from the lay-by on the B5705.

There are no toilet or refreshment facilities available on site but are available in nearby Northwich town centre.

Car parking is free, open from 9am-8pm (summer), 9am-5pm (winter) There are no dedicated disabled parking bays and vehicle height restrictions of 2.2m apply.

Contact

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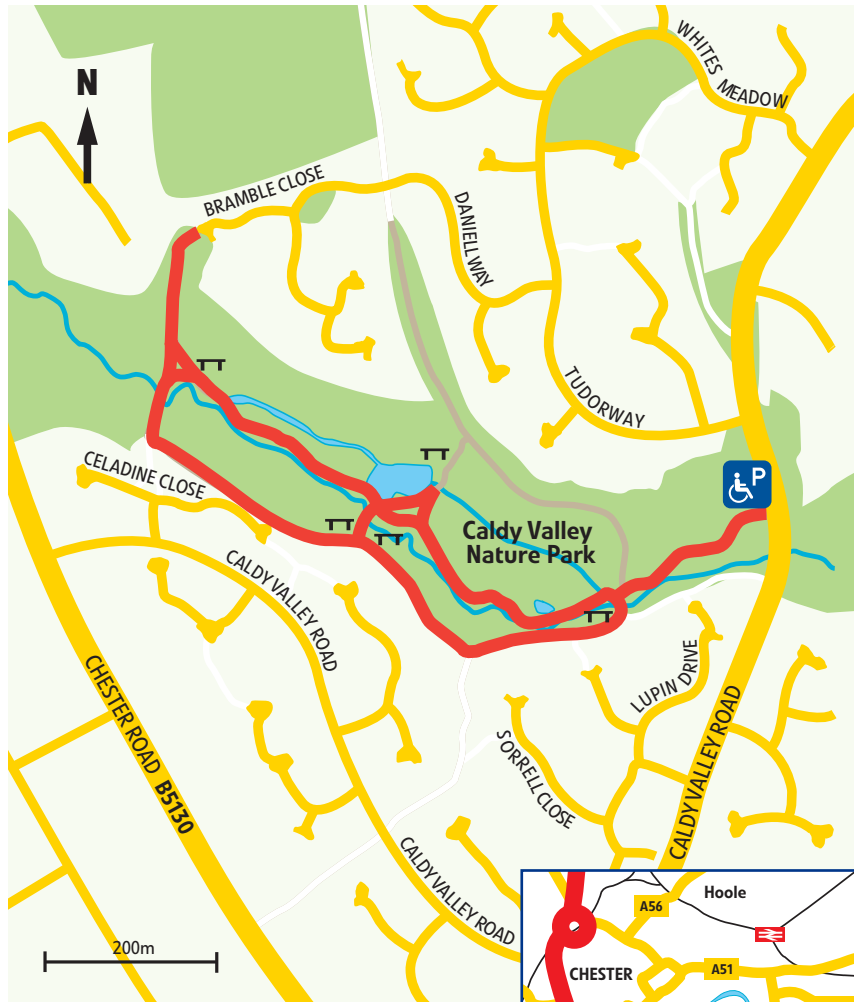
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Caldy Valley Nature Park

Caldy Nature Park is a small area of wetland, woodland and meadows close to Chester city centre. The active Friends group organise events and activities throughout the year including practical task days.



SUGGESTED ROUTE

DISTANCE: 1.2 km (1 mile).

ALLOW: 1-1½ hours.

DESCRIPTION: From the car park there is a circular route around the nature park. The surface of the path is firm and compact with no gradients steeper than 1:10. There are several benches around the site, there are other paths within the park however some of these have steps.



VISITOR INFORMATION

Access to the free car park is off Caldymalley Road (A41) there is a dedicated disabled parking bay and the car parked open all hours. There are no refreshments or toilets on site however there is a supermarket café nearby as well as public house.

Contact

Rangers Office, Rivacre Valley, Rivacre Road, Ellesmere Port.
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Chester Millennium Greenway

The Multi-user Greenway connecting Guilden Sutton to Chester opened in 2009. This part is a wonderful stretch from Limewood Fields to the picturesque Northgate Ponds.



SUGGESTED ROUTE

DISTANCE: 3 km (2 miles).

ALLOW: 1 1/2-2 hours.

DESCRIPTION: The surface of the route is tarmaced throughout with no gradients greater than 1:10 there is circular path around the sports field or immediate join the greenway towards Chester for a linear walk and enjoy sitting beside the Northgate Ponds.



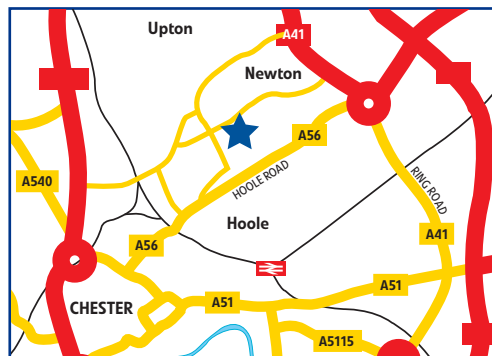
VISITOR INFORMATION

Car park in the Live Centre Play Area off Limewood Close, Dedicated Disabled other onsite has height restriction barrier 6'11" (2.1m)

Car park is not locked.

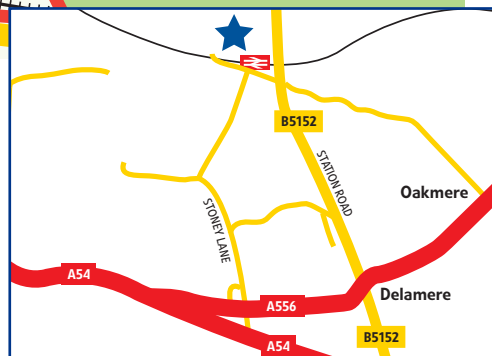
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Delamere Forest Park

Delamere Forest Park is Cheshire West and Chester's largest area of woodland and is a shady oasis in the midst of the agricultural landscape of the Cheshire Plain. Covering some 950ha the park is a mosaic of mixed deciduous and evergreen forest, open grassland and wetlands and provides a range of excellent habitats for a variety of wildlife.



SUGGESTED ROUTE

DISTANCE: 4km (2.5 miles).

ALLOW: 2-3 hours.

SURFACE: Firm compacted forest surface that may become wetter during the winter months.

DESCRIPTION: There is an easily accessible circular route around Blakemere Moss from the Linmere car park in either direction. Over the bridge and then turn right past the 'Go Ape Activity' or continue straight ahead.



VISITOR INFORMATION

The Park is located about 10 miles from Chester and close to the M56. It is well signposted from the A54, A556 and B5152. The Park is easy to reach by rail as trains regularly run from Chester to Delamere station which is 5 minutes walk from the Linmere Visitor Centre.

The Linmere Visitor Centre is open daily throughout the year (except Christmas Day) from 10am-4.30pm. Toilet facilities (including an accessible toilet) and a café are available in the Centre.

The Linmere car park is open from 10am-4pm (winter) and 10am-8pm (summer). There are 4 dedicated disabled parking bays. All day parking costs £2.

Contact

Linmere Visitor Centre, Delamere

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e: delamere@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

Marbury Country Park

Many of the features of the Country Park, including the lime avenues and the arboretum, are a legacy of the days when Marbury was a grand estate. Stroll through splendid woodlands and enjoy views across Budworth Mere. In spring the woods are filled with lesser celandines, wood anemones and bluebells. The scent of wild garlic permeates the air as the spring progresses and the trees come into leaf creating a shady canopy. Children will enjoy the play area close to the picnic area and car park.



SUGGESTED ROUTE

DISTANCE: 3 km (2 miles).

ALLOW: 1-1½ hours.

DESCRIPTION: There is a good network of paths throughout the park to allow further exploration, however the routes indicated are the most accessible with a good firm surface and very little gradients although the path within the woodland may be softer in winter. There is a bird hide along the way and wonderful views of the mere.



VISITOR INFORMATION

The Park is located off Marbury Lane and is signed from junction 10 of the M56 and Northwich town centre. There are regular bus services from Northwich and Warrington.

There are toilet facilities near the Rangers' Office and occasionally an ice cream van in the car park during the summer.

Pay & Display car park: up to 3 hours £1, all day £2, season ticket £25, blue badge holders free. Car park opening times 9am-8pm (1st Apr.-30th Sept.) and 9am-5pm (1st Oct.-31st Mar.). There are no dedicated disabled parking bays.

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Shakerley Mere

Enjoy a pleasant stroll around the Mere, with opportunities for bird-watching and fishing, or why not picnic beneath the birch and oak woodland?



SUGGESTED ROUTE

DISTANCE: 1.5km (1 mile).

ALLOW: 30-45 mins.

DESCRIPTION: The path is circular around the Mere and wide throughout. Surfaces are firm and even. There is some loose stone within the car park so a little bumpy.

There are numerous benches situated around the route and picnic tables near both car parks. There are a number of fishing platforms suitable for wheelchair access. The Mere is stocked with carp, bream, roach and perch and leased by Lymm Angling Club. Day permits are available on the bank.



VISITOR INFORMATION

The Mere is located off the B5081 and B5082.

The main car park is off Northwich Road and is free. An additional free car park is off the B5081. Car park closes 8pm (summer) and 5pm (winter).

Public toilets, including an accessible toilet (with RADAR lock) are located at the main car park.

No refreshments are available on site, but there is a public house, "The Three Greyhounds", nearby at the junction of the B5081 and B5082.

Contact

Rangers Office, Whitegate Station, Whitegate.

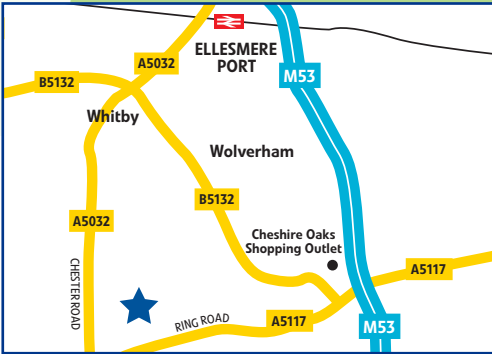
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Stanney Woods Local Nature Reserve

Stanney Woods is an ancient woodland of oak and silver birch, with some hazel and holly. It is an excellent site for bird watching and exceptionally good for fungi in autumn.



SUGGESTED ROUTE

DISTANCE: 2-4 km (1-2 miles).

ALLOW: 1-1½ hours.

DESCRIPTION: There are various route options to choose from within the woodland, none have gradients greater than 1:10. The surface is firm and compact but due to the woodland nature of the site may be softer in winter months.



VISITOR INFORMATION

Stanney Woods is located just off the A5117 near Ellesmere Port and has a small free car park with the following 9am-5pm

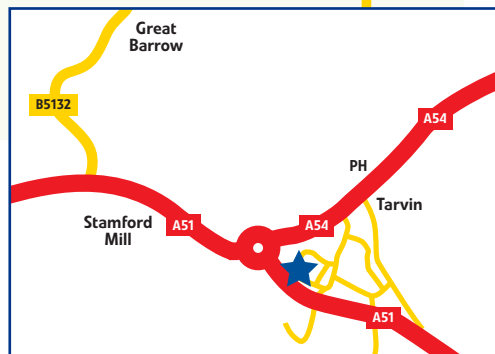
There are no toilets or refreshments on site, however Cheshire Oaks Shopping Outlet is nearby with a full range of facilities.

Contact
 Rangers' Office, Rivacre Valley,
 Rivacre Road, Ellesmere Port
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Tarvin Community Woodlands

Owned by the Tarvin Community Woodlands Trust to conserve, restore and re-establish native trees, plants and all types of wildlife, this delightful 5ha site allows a short walk through open woodland, meadow and wildflower areas.



SUGGESTED ROUTE

DISTANCE: 850 m (0.5 miles).

ALLOW: 1/2-1 hour.

DESCRIPTION: The path has a level compacted surface and is over 1m wide throughout. There are no gradients of greater than 1:10 and no cross slope issues.



VISITOR INFORMATION

Tarvin Community Woodlands can be accessed from the residential area in Tarvin adjacent to the A51.

A small parking area is available at the entrance to the site. There are no dedicated disabled parking bays.

There are no toilet or refreshment facilities on the site, but are available a short distance away in Tarvin village.

Contact

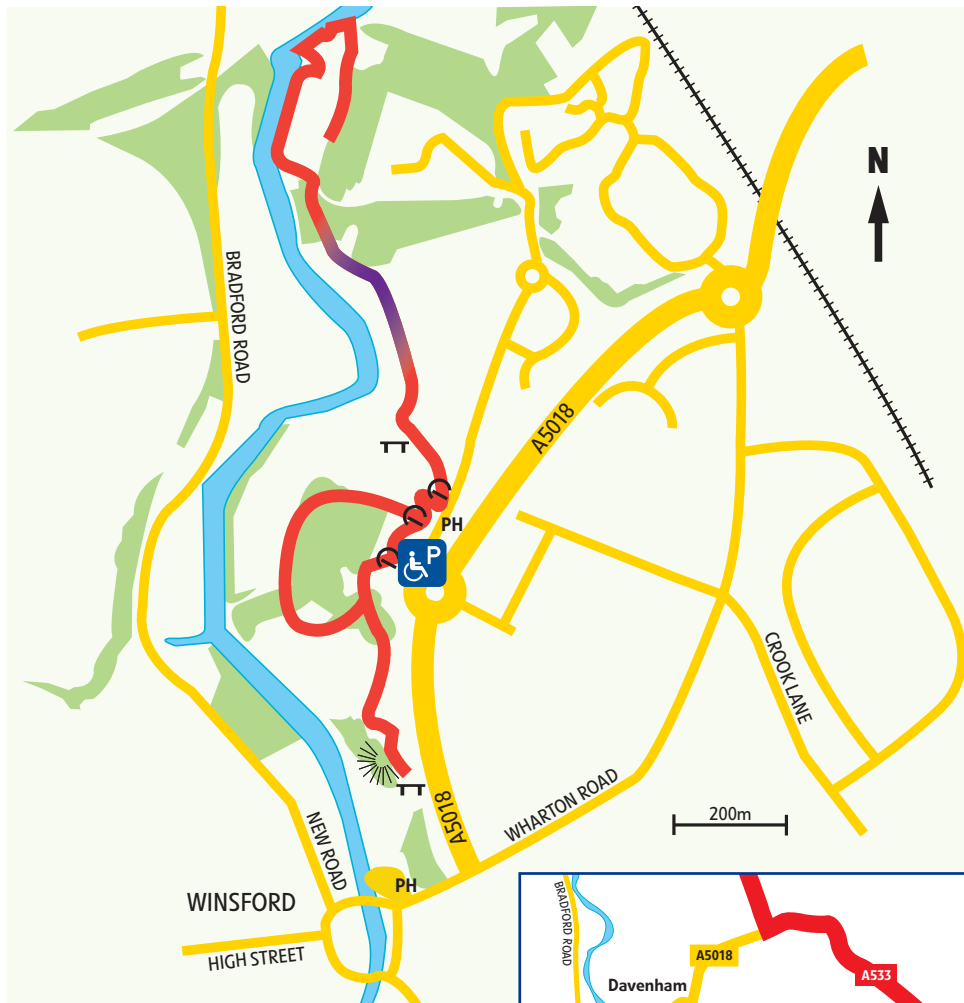
Tarvin Community Woodland Trust by email only

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The Weaver Parkway

The Weaver Parkway is an extensive area of open green space alongside the River Weaver on the outskirts of Winsford. It was created on former industrial land of brine workings and salt mining, creating a unique habitat for unusual wildlife.



SUGGESTED ROUTE

DISTANCE: 2.5 km (1.5 miles).

ALLOW: 1-1½ hours.

SURFACE: Firm compacted grit surface, some gradients are slightly greater than 1:10 however there are several resting/passing points along the route.

DESCRIPTION: A wonderful open greenspace to enjoy a picnic or take a riverside stroll, there are other paths on site but these have a slightly steeper gradient and include some steps down to the Red Lion Public House.



VISITOR INFORMATION

The Weaver Parkway is within walking distance of Winsford town centre. By car it can be reached off Weaver Valley Road which is off the A5018.

There are no toilets or refreshments available on site, but there are several public houses nearby.

Car parking is free at the Rangers' Office and there are three dedicated disabled parking bays. The car park is open from 9am-4.30pm.

There is a site plan at the car park indicating an easy access route – see below for further details.

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