

# Park Ranger Mobile App Users Group

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Welcome to the Park Ranger Mobile App Users Group. This group has been set up for project POC's that are currently using the App and others that might be interested in the Park Ranger Mobile App. The goal is to keep all of us informed of new information pertaining to the Mobile App and share ideas for new additions. (Please Note: If you respond to this email, please do not "Reply All", I will post your question or comment in the next edition)

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- **SD Cards vs Blackberry Micro USB:** I recently tested myself on which approach is best 1) Downloading to the SD Card (Current Normal Practice) OR 2) Downloading from USB cable to Stand Alone PC. The test results were clear, it only took 5 mins for the App to download to the SD Card, it took 1 hours and 30 mins for the App to download via USB Cable. I still have not gotten any word from Ace-it for the ability to hook up the USB Cord to a non-stand-alone pc. However feel free to experiment on the process at your lake office. If you find a better way, let us know.

- **In the Works:** Recently a few ideas have been tossed around for new additions to the App. I am currently developing a Partnerships section of the App which should make it easier to decide which partnership you need on the spot, and then supply the proper paperwork, templates, and vital information you need to complete the task. I am also working on a Shoreline Use Permit portion of the App, this will be a simple scenario select screen in which you select your scenario, email the package to yourself live from the field and then go to the next inspection. When you get back into the office, you simply open up each email, hit merge, and all information for letters, permit, and appendixes are preloaded and prefilled for you to print and/or email to the customer. It is expected that a Park Ranger will be able to inspect and process all paperwork for 25-30 permits and day by car, and 30- 45 by boat (Depending on the size and makeup of your project of course). Once built this might be expanded when tablets are made available where everything can be done live from the field. A RETS Starter App is also in the planning, however right now it is not being developed.

- **Android Powered Blackberrys:** That's right, the latest news that I have is that Blackberry is giving it up (or at least their operating system) and will be going to an Android Platform in their next generation phones. Currently I have gotten no news from ACE-IT on these phones with Android Operating systems, so it may be a while before we can get our hands on them. As most of you know, Android would be a good operating system for us as the App, nor the process is compatible with IOS products.

- As soon as functional Blackberry's are available, Lake Texoma will be our newest participant utilizing the Park Ranger Mobile App. Arrangements are in the works to also add Keystone Lake, and possibly Fort Gibson and Lake Eufaula before years end.

As always if you have questions, ideas, or thoughts please let me know. Thanks again for being part of and supporting the Park Ranger Mobile App. If you no longer want to get emails from the Park Ranger Mobile App Users Group, OR have a contact you would like to add simply reply to this email.