Park Ranger Mobile App Users Group

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.

April/May 2016

Current Challenges:

New Phones on the Way, but not yet available– Good News! iphones (Not sure what model), Androids (Samsung S5), and Tablets have been approved by Ace-IT. However the down side is that it is going to take a lot of time for them to decide how to implement these devices due to the demand. There is also the issue of cost as these phones could range up to $399.99 a piece. The Blackberry "Priv" would be a nice alternative and much cheaper, if approved and offered. The "Priv" is a Blackberry phone, however has an Android Operating System so that Google Maps, Earth, and other resources could be utilized.

Beware of New Technology – There is always reason to get excited about new leaps in technology.   With the news of new tablets, smartphones, and other devices come other issues and questions. Remember the security lockdowns and present capability issues with your current technology. You will probably not be able to run out and work from these devices or have the same capabilities as you have if you bought the device yourself from the store. As a group, PRMA will also use these new technologies and find ways to make them effective in the field as we have our current technologies.

What's New:

PRMA Webinar for NWK – I recently had the opportunity to provide a live demonstration of the Park Ranger Mobile App to the NWK Park Ranger COP. This was the first webinar presentation for PRMA, and was very successful.

Talk of Tablets – Recently Ace-it send out a notice about tablets that they were piloting and their status in the approval/implementation schedule. Listed below is the table and below that is a breakdown and a preview of these tablets. Not sure if these are the exact models, or if/when these will actually be available. However if the schedule below is held to, then these should be the first two coming out. Click on the photo of the device to go to its product page.

PCLCM Line	Current Model	EOL	Follow-on Model	Eng Approved	Test Unit requested	Test unit Delivered (HNC)	Test complete	Passed
Ultraportable	E7250	Jun-16	E7270					
Ultrabook 14	E7450	Jun-16	E7470					
Business 15	E6540	Jun-16	E5470/E5570 (H)					
Tablet (New line)	N/A	N/A	Latitude 11 5179	3/31/2016	4/4/2016	6/6/2016		
Standard Desktop	9020 MT	May-16	7040 MT/SFF	12/21/2016	1/29/2016	2/1/2016	3/31/2016	Yes
S&E 15	M4800	Apr-16	Precision 7510	3/31/2016	4/4/2016	4/18/2016		
S&E 17	M6800	Apr-16	Precision 7710	3/31/2016	4/4/2016	4/13/2016		
Performance Desktop	T700	Apr-16	Precision 3620	3/31/2016	4/4/2016	4/14/2016		
Ruggedized Laptop	Lattitude 14 Rugged Extreme	N/A	TBD					
S&E Modeling Workstation	T7810	N/A	TBD					
Rugged Tablet	N/A	N/A	Panasonic Toughpad FZ-G1 (J)					

Dell Latitude 11 5179

Panasonic Toughpad FZ-G1

Recreation Tab, now broken out. – If you have uploaded the App recently, you might have noticed a few new buttons. With so much information being housed on the Recreation Tab, it was making it really difficult to find anything. So we broke the information out into 2 new sections related to the Recreation Tab "Forms", and "Parks & PSA's".   Forms will now house our common and lake specific forms, both fillable and non-fillable, to both distribute to the public and to be utilized by Park Rangers in the field. The other section Parks & PSA's now feature a listing of all your PSA's on OMBIL. This listing is broken down into two separate sections for Corps Managed and Non Corps Managed. Each PSA on OMBIL will have listed the Address, Phone, GPS Coordinates, & Related Website. There are also hot buttons at the bottom of each PSA that can be used to check site availability on NRRS, a data sheet for public use, a QR code for quick scan turn by turn directions to that PSA, and related park maps and utilities. All this information is not on OMBIL, especially for your Non-Corps Managed parks so we need your help in rounding up this information to be plugged in. Just go to the app for your lake and see what is missing and either fill it in yourself or send me an email with the info. See screen shots below for reference.

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(Park Offices)
(Lake Texoma)
(Parks & PSA's)
(Corps Managed:
Campgrounds, Day Use,
Boat Ramps, etc.)

Corps Mang.
(Camping, Day Use, Boat Ramp)

Other PSA's
(Leases, Licenses, & Remote Area)

NRRS:

1-877-444-6777

BUNCOMBE CREEK

Address:
Buncombe Creek
1010 West Buncombe Creek Road,
Willis, OK 75020.

Phone Number:
Information: (580) 564-2901

GPS Info. (Latitude, Longitude):
33.89806, -96.81306
33°53'53"N, 96°48'47"W

Check Site Availability
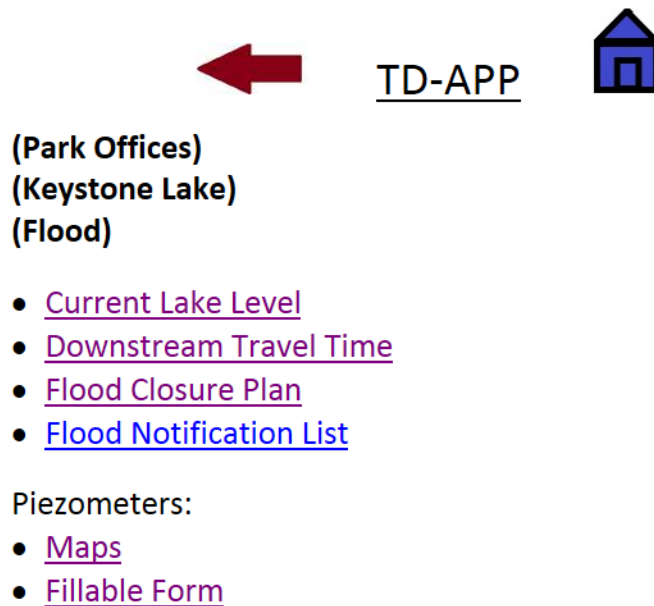**Email Data Sheet**
QR Code Display
Park Map
- Water Info
- Electric Info

Coming Soon (Innovation in the Works):

Welcome Keystone, Arcadia, & Heyburn Lakes – Congratulations these are the first lakes to get set up on the Park Ranger Mobile App in 2016. Welcome to the group. Hope to see many other lakes get the opportunity in 2016.

New FLOOD Tab, for Keystone Lake App – With the addition of new lakes to the Park Ranger Mobile App Community comes more great ideas. Last year the Tulsa District was hit hard with two major flood events. Keystone Lake Rangers did not have the App then, but they do now. So they created a new FLOOD Tab also broken out from the Recreation Tab that deals with Flood Specific resources. Want a FLOOD Tab for your app? Just let me know and I can set you up. Below is the current screen shots for that tab.

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(Park Offices)
(Keystone Lake)
(Flood)

- Current Lake Level
- Downstream Travel Time
- Flood Closure Plan
- Flood Notification List

Piezometers:
- Maps
- Fillable Form

Share your ideas – With recreation season kicking off this month, be sure you are using the Park Ranger Mobile and try to think outside the box as to how we can make it even better. Currently we have lots of ideas for the Tablet Version as listed below, however there should never be a limit of ideas on how we can work more efficiently and effectively in the field using more advanced technology. If you have an idea, whether you are currently using the app or waiting for equipment, let me know at jason.m.knight@usace.army.mil.

Current ideas:
- Shoreline Remote Control (This one is being piloted)
- E-ticketing
- Partnerships on the Go
- Monument Tracker
- Ranger Reporting
- RETS Starter App

Park Ranger Mobile App Participants:

Allatoona Lake (SAD) 2013
Oolagah Lake (SWD) 2015
Tenkiller Lake (SWD) 2015
Webbers Falls Lake (SWD) 2015
Keystone Lake (SWD) 2016
Arcadia (SWD) 2016
Heyburn (SWD) 2016

On HOLD due to lack of Smartphones:

Council Grove (SWD)
   John Redmond
   Marion Reservoirs
   Eldorado Lake

Lake Texoma (SWD) – Projected complete by 6/1/16
   Waurika Lake (SWD)
   Truscott Lake (SWD)

Ft. Gibson Lake (SWD) – Projected complete by 6/1/16
   Chouteau Lake (SWD)
   Newt Graham Lake (SWD)

Eufaula Lake (SWD) – Projected complete by 12/1/16
   RS Kerr Lake (SWD)
   WD Mayo Lake (SWD)
   Wister Lake (SWD)

AS ALWAYS.....feel free to share this email with any USACE Employee. If they would like to be part of the Users Group and receive updates please forward their email address to me and I will add them to the distribution list.

The Park Ranger Mobile App.....Inspired, Developed, Created, & Maintained by Park Rangers.....Always.

- **Click here to view the Park Ranger Mobile App October 2015 presentation on the NRM Gateway.**