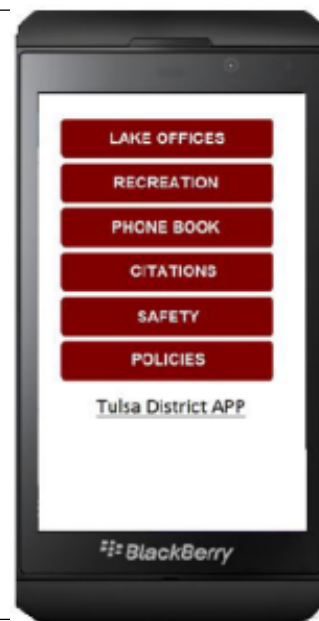


Park Ranger Mobile App Users Group

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.

(Please Note: If you respond to this email, please do not "Reply All". If necessary, I will post your question or comment in the next edition.)



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Current Challenges:

Verizon vs AT&T – The smartphone saga continues. The vendor for the AT&T contract still refuses to offer anything but the BlackBerry Classic or the Passport. Until March 7th, Verizon was still offering the BlackBerry Z30 full screen smartphone which works best for using the Park Ranger Mobile App. In talking to ISYS, both AT&T and Verizon are offering the same smartphones and as of February 1 was suppose to carry both the iPhone 6, and the Samsung Galaxy S5. With this deadline already past, neither Ace-it nor ISYS can give a timeline on when these phones will be allowed and/or available, nor what the cost per phone will be.

So if you already have a Z10, Q10, or Z30, be careful with them. If you have replace your phone you will likely have to settle for a smartphone listed below.

AT&T and Verizon are currently offering the following:

	Equipment Description	Image	Device Capabilities	Equipment Details
➔	BlackBerry Classic		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bluetooth• International• Wi-Fi• Camera• Speaker Phone• TTY	With its 50% screen, the App will run off this phone, however it will make navigation and documents display difficult to see.
➔	BlackBerry Passport		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bluetooth• International• Wi-Fi• Camera• Speaker Phone• TTY	This phone is the size of a small tablet. While it could be used for the App successfully, making calls on this phone is like putting a book to your head.

- Sprint, T-Mobile, US Cellular, and USA Mobility currently do not offer smartphones through Ace-It & ISYS.

What's New:

NFC and/or Android Beam – Did you know you can share documents from the Park Ranger Mobile App with the public through NFC Transfer or Android Beam? This works on Smartphones and Tablets that have this option loaded on them (All of our Blackberry's should have this feature.) You DO NOT have to have a cell phone signal for this to work, so you can use it anywhere. Below is a "How to" guide with step by step instructions. To my knowledge, Mac Notebooks, iPads, & iPhones are not compatible.

[Click here for NFC and/or Android Beam Step-by-Step Guide](#)

SWD Ranger Conference – The Park Ranger Mobile App made a 40 minute debut recently at the Southwestern Division Park Ranger's Conference. There was plenty of interest and plenty of questions, too many to fill the 40 minute time slot. Some of those question were as follows:

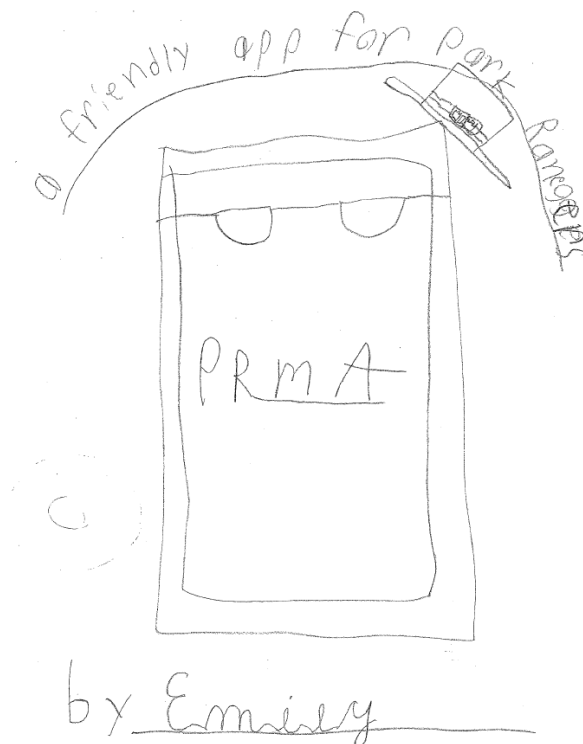
Q. "How do we download the Park Ranger Mobile App"

A. The PR Mobile App is not available for download nor available to the public. It is a App that is made for Park Rangers only. The App has to be built and customized to meet the needs of the project/lake office who is running the app.

Q. "What security features come on the App?"

A. Every smartphone that Ace-It provides is already protected by an 8 character password that changes every 90 to 120 days. This password locks the screen after 2 minutes of inactivity. Even if someone could get past the password the only personal information would be on the citations search, and for the most part that is only displaying vehicle tag, offense, date, ranger, and in very few cases a name.

New Logo – In preparing for the presentation at the SWD Ranger Conference, my 9 year old daughter took in my 30 minute presentation which she described as "Fascinating" and created our first unofficial logo for the Park Ranger Mobile App. Thought I would share....



Coming Soon (Innovation in the Works):

Still in the works – There have been many suggested modifications to the Park Ranger Mobile App and many are listed below that are currently being piloted and some that are on a waiting list to be built. Currently the challenge of finding proper equipment has been the main hindrance slowing things down along with the challenge of creating users who can help develop and use these innovations. However, they still do exist and will eventually become a reality.

- Park Ranger Mobile App (Tablet Edition) – **HOLD Lack of Equipment**
 - Shoreline Remote Control – **HOLD Lack of Equipment**
 - E-Ticketing – On Hold
 - Partnerships on the go – On Hold
 - Monument Tracker – On Hold
 - Ranger Report Module – On Hold
 - RETS Starter App – On Hold
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Park Ranger Mobile App Participants:

Allatoona Lake (SAD) 2013
Oolagah Lake (SWD) 2015
Tenkiller Lake (SWD) 2015
Webbers Falls Lake (SWD) 2015

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)

Keystone Lake (SWD) – Projected complete by 12/1/16

Arcadia Lake (SWD)

Heyburn 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.](#)