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Los Angeles State Historic Park Use Augmented Reality to Get Kids into the Outdoors Saturday, August 10

LOS ANGELES, Calif.— Los Angeles State Historic Park is holding its [Agents of Discovery Program](#), a free augmented-reality educational app, on Saturday, August 10, from 10 a.m.– 2 p.m.

Agents of Discovery (AoD) is an innovative, educational mobile game that uses augmented reality to get kids active and learning about the world around them. AoD provides educators with a unique way to gamify information—they can design games for kids with the easy-to-use Mission Maker. These games, or “Missions,” are then published to the AoD app and available from the App Store and Google Play. Kids then complete the free-to-play Missions on tablets or their own smart devices. For more information about AoD, please visit www.agentsofdiscovery.com.

“Agents of Discovery Missions provide interpretation when there is no one available to deliver a personal interpretive program,” said Brad Krey, PORTS (Parks Online Resources for Teachers and Students) Program Manager for California State Parks. “It uses 21st century tools, to engage and get people outside and moving.”

Launched by the parks in 2017, the educational app “has quickly become one of the more popular ways California State Parks has incorporated technology into interpretation and education,” said Interpretation and Education Division K12 Access Project Coordinator Erin Gates. Three parks (Lake Perris State Recreation Area, Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area and Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park) partnered with AoD. The Interpretation and Education Division has since expanded the partnership as part of a new program dubbed Interpretation Digital Engagement and Access (IDEA) Project. This program works to increase access both physically and digitally to state parks”, Gates said.

State parks currently using Agents of Discovery include:

- Oceano Dunes District (three Missions: Pismo State Beach, Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area, and Oso Flaco Lake)

- Lake Perris State Vehicular Recreation Area (two Missions, one at the lake and one at the Ya'i Hek'i Regional Indian Museum)
- Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park
- Columbia State Historic Park
- Morro Bay State Park
- La Purísima State Historic Park
- Los Angeles State Historic Park
- Seacliff State Beach

[California State Parks](#) and [Agents of Discovery](#) are hosting this family-friendly event at [Los Angeles State Historic Park](#) (LASHP) to celebrate the official launch of the new LA SHP Mission and the success of the [SoCal Explorer 2.0 Campaign](#). (The campaign is comprised of 11 partners, including California State Parks, the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County, among others, who joined forces in an initiative to encourage kids to explore parks and nature.)

Campaign partners will be at the event providing fun activities and information about their educational programming. Guests will be the first to play the new LASHP augmented reality mission and explore the site in a unique and engaging way.

During the launch event at the park, young players who complete multiple missions as part of the campaign will be awarded certificates and prizes in recognition of their achievements. Thanks to partners, top winners will receive tickets to Universal Studios Hollywood. Campaign partners will also be presented with awards for their dedication to engaging youth with nature and education.

To download the free Agents of Discovery mobile app, go to [Google Play](#) or the App Store. After downloading the app, find the participating park's mission within the app and download it BEFORE heading to the park. (No data or Wi-Fi is required to play the mission once it has been downloaded.)

Los Angeles State Historic Park is located at 1245 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles (90012). The August 10 launch event will take place at the park's Welcome Pavilion.

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