Research on leisure, recreation, and tourism has evolved with the advancement of new technologies/analytic tools, emergence of new social trends and phenomena, and popularity of social media and online review platforms (Shoval & Ahas, 2016). The past decade has witnessed a tendency to increasingly integrate aspatial data collected from the traditional pencil/paper approach with spatio-temporal data collected from GPS, smartphones, Bluetooth, and other sources (e.g., geotagged photography from flickr) to examine individuals’ spatio-temporal movement patterns/behaviors and experience (cf. Liu, Dong, & Chen, 2017). In addition, there is an increasing use of secondary data from online review platforms and social networking sites for data analysis (Shoval & Ahas, 2016). The availability of big data in various forms provides tremendous opportunities for researchers to explore visitor behaviors, source markets, and destination supply in a more sophisticated and holistic manner. That said, much research that involves big data and spatio-temporal analysis has been conducted in the broad context of tourism (i.e., hotels, restaurants, destinations), with limited attention in the field of park and recreation, especially in natural areas. Moreover, there is a paucity of development of mobile apps that simultaneously collect both socio-demographic/emotional/experiential data and spatio-temporal data over an extended period (Hardy et al., 2017; Kim, Thapa, & Jang, 2019). In addition, there is a lack of utilization of big data collected by citizens through smartphone apps in the context of citizen science (National Park Service, 2018). In view of this, this special issue invites manuscripts that focus on innovative methods to collect and analyze both aspatial and spatio-temporal data.

Specifically, this special issue focuses on, but not limited to the following themes:

1. Mobility-based perceptions/instant experience of parks and recreation areas
2. Estimation of visit volumes using mobile device tracking and/or big data from social media
3. Spatial-temporal segmentation of park users
4. Spatial analysis of leisure constraints, attitudes, and perceptions
5. Spatial-temporal analysis of park users and public health/benefits
6. Valuing recreational resources using spatial econometric models
7. Applications of geospatial technologies (GIS, GPS, RS, LiDAR, drone, digital traces, etc.) for park management
8. Innovative design and implementation of mobile apps to track visitors
9. Utilization of big data collected by citizens
10. Public participation GIS (PPGIS) for park planning and management

**Timeframe:**
- May 10, 2019: Open call for papers
- August 6, 2019: Expression of interest–abstracts due
- September 6, 2019: Response about status of work
- March 30, 2020: Submission of full papers by author(s)
- January 15, 2021: Approximate publication of special issue

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