

Google offers 'guided tour' of the moon

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FILE - In this Oct. 27, 2008 file photo, Google logos are shown inside Google headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. Security and privacy concerns have been raised over a multimillion-dollar proposal by Los Angeles, in July 2009, to tap Google Inc.'s Internet-based services for government e-mail, police records and other confidential data. (AP Photo/Paul Sakuma, file)

(AP) -- Google Inc. is offering a more wide-ranging view of the Moon, 40 years after humans first landed there.

To commemorate Monday's anniversary of the [Apollo 11](#) crew's first steps on the [lunar surface](#), [Google](#) Earth is adding a guided moon tour with astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Jack Schmitt, who was a pilot on the later Apollo 17 mission.

The free software also offers panoramic images shot by the Apollo astronauts, new video footage and other features.

The new features are available with the Google Earth 5.0 download.

Some images already have been available through Google's online mapping service at <http://moon.google.com> .

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