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In the first U.S. mission to the moon in a decade, NASA has launched a rocket carrying two science probes to look for hidden ice and potential landing sites for astronauts.



The Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter and Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Spacecraft blasted off at 5:32 p.m. ET from Florida's Cape Canaveral.

The orbiter will study the lunar surface, while its sister craft will send an empty upper stage into a permanently shaded crater. Scientists hope the collision will kick up evidence of water at the moon's poles.

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