

## PLEASE REVIEW THIS INFORMATION BEFORE READING THE CALENDARS

Four separate calendars are provided to aid river trip planning: 1) the Lees Ferry's launch calendar, 2) the Phantom Ranch exchange calendar, 3) the Whitmore exchange calendar, and 4) the Diamond Creek takeout calendar. These calendars list the tentative schedules for all commercial, non-commercial, research and National Park Service work trips (except patrol trips). The National Park Service will continue to post this information if doing so proves to be useful and feasible.

Because there is presently no automatic way to generate complete river calendars, the calendars are manually generated and posted to the website approximately one month in advance. An automated system is expected to be completed sometime in 2007. Once posted on this website, these calendars will not be updated. Some minor trip changes should be expected to occur after the calendars are posted.

### How to read the calendars

Each trip is labeled on the calendar according to its planned schedule. The first abbreviation represents the name of the company or type of trip. The second number represents the maximum number of passengers at any given time (including crew). The final series of numbers and letters reflects the trip's planned schedule. Whitmore and Diamond Creek schedules include prefixes detailing the type of activity as well. Some examples are provided. All trips launch at Lee's Ferry.

#### Abbreviations

##### *Type of Trip/Company Names*

**PRIV** = Private Trip   **RSH** = Research Trip   **GRCA** = NPS trip   **GCMRC** = GCMRC Research Trip  
**TRAN** = Commercial Training Trip   **AZRA** = Arizona Raft Adventures   **ARIZ** = Arizona River Runners  
**CAEX** = Canyon Explorations   **CANY** = Canyoneers   **COLO** = Colorado River and Trail Expeditions  
**DIAM** = Diamond River Adventures   **EXPD** = Canyon Expeditions   **HATC** = Hatch River Expeditions  
**GRCE** = Grand Canyon Expeditions   **MOKI** = Moki Mac River Expeditions   **OARS** = O.A.R.S.  
**OUTD** = Outdoors Unlimited   **TOUR** = Tour West   **WEST** = Western River Expeditions  
**WILD** = Wilderness River Adventures

##### *Location*

**P** = Phantom Ranch                      **W** = Whitmore Helipad    **D** = Diamond Creek  
**J** = Jet boat                                **L** = Lake Mead            **>** = "Deadhead" (equipment/crew only)

##### *Takeout/Exchange Prefixes*

**X** = Passenger Exchange   **P** = Passengers Out   **T** = Takeout (entire trip)   **E** = Equipment Out

#### Examples

*PRIV 15 9P12D3L*

*A planned maximum of 15 participants, 9 days to Phantom Creek, 12 more days to Diamond Creek, 3 more days to Lake Mead to take out.*

*WEST 28 6W3J>L*

*28 participants, 6 days to Whitmore Helipad, 3 days to off-load passengers by jet boat, the crew and equipment will continue to Lake Mead.*

*AZRA 20 10D*

*20 participants, 10 days to Diamond Creek.*

The Lees Ferry Launch Calendar lists all trips by their launch dates. The launch schedule will mirror the launch schedule in Appendix B of the 2006 Colorado River Management Plan (CRMP) with two exceptions. First, additional “administrative trips” may be listed on the calendar. Administrative trips are always “additional” trips and never displace recreational trips. Second, some commercial trip slots may not be utilized – when earlier trips use up a company’s total user-day allocation for a season, additional trips may not be launched by that concessionaire. The number of days that trips can spend on each segment of the river above Diamond Creek are not dictated by the CRMP; only total trip lengths are restricted and vary by the season within which the launch occurs. For detailed information, see the Commercial Operating Requirements and Noncommercial River Trip Regulations.

### **Phantom Ranch Exchange Calendar**

This calendar includes **only** those commercial trips that have scheduled a passenger exchange at Phantom Ranch and **all** non-commercial (PRIV) trips whether they are exchanging or not. Non-commercial trips are allowed to modify their exchange schedule up to and including the day of launch, and some noncommercial trips will decide to exchange passengers at Phantom Ranch.

There are few river camps in the stretch of river between Hance Rapids and Phantom Ranch. If you are not planning to exchange passengers, standard river courtesy calls for selection of camps outside this area. Use of the two camps at Cremation Camp, river mile 87, is restricted to those trips who will be exchanging passengers the following day. If your trip is not exchanging passengers in the vicinity of Phantom Ranch, do not plan to use that camp. If you are exchanging passengers and the calendar indicates there may be more than two trips doing so the same day as you, expect that Cremation Camp may be full and camp upstream. Courteous communication with other trips on the water can help reduce congestion in the Phantom Ranch area.

### **Whitmore Wash Exchange Calendar**

Some commercial trips use a helicopter service to fly out or exchange passengers at Whitmore Wash, RM 187. Beginning in 2007, helicopter flights will be restricted to the hours before 10 AM. The Whitmore schedule is included to assist those who wish to minimize their exposure to over flight noise or congestion. The “X” in front of the trip’s abbreviation signifies a passenger exchange; the “P” means that passengers will be flown out and only equipment will continue to the takeout.

### **Diamond Creek Takeout Calendar**

The Diamond Creek calendar includes all trips that indicate that some portion of their equipment and/or passengers will be utilizing the Diamond Creek takeout. Letters in front of the trip abbreviation have the following meanings: “T” means the entire trip is taking out, “P” means the passengers are taking out; “E” means that the equipment and crew only will be taking out.

Due to low water levels and increased numbers of launches, congestion has increased at Diamond Creek. Communication and cooperation among all launch ramp users is essential. The Hualapai Tribe has requested that groups not de-rig at the launch ramp between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. If the schedule indicates that several other trips will be taking out the same day as you, try to expedite your takeout and use as little space on the ramp as possible.

# Lees Ferry March 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 PRIV 16 9P 11D 2L GCMRC 10 13P3D1L
2 PRIV 16 10P 11D 4L PRIV 13 6P 15D GCMRC 5 13D1L GCMRC 11 3P5D1L	3 PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L	4 PRIV 6 11P 10D	5 PRIV 16 7P 14D PRIV 15 7P 10D AZRA 19 8P9D (T) NPS 18 14D	6 PRIV 11 8P 10D PRIV 16 7P 13D GCMRC 12 3P5D1L	7 PRIV 10 5P 13D PRIV 16 10P 11D 4L	8 PRIV 15 6P 9D PRIV 5 7P 10D
9 PRIV 16 9P 9D PRIV 16 8P 12D	10 PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L PRIV 16 7P 14D	11 PRIV 16 7P 12D PRIV 10 9P 12D	12 PRIV 14 6P 11D PRIV 16 8P 10D	13 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 11 7P 14D	14 PRIV 16 8P 7D 2L PRIV 16 9P 12D 5L	15 PRIV 10 7P 14D PRIV 16 8P 13D
16 PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 8 7P 11D 3L	17 PRIV 16 8P 13D 4L PRIV 16 7P 11D 4L	18 PRIV 16 9P 9D 4L PRIV 14 9P 12D	19 PRIV 7 9P 9D PRIV 15 8P 12D	20 PRIV 16 9P 12D 2L PRIV 16 8P 10D	21 PRIV 16 7P 14D	22 PRIV 10 9P 9D PRIV 16 7P 11D
23 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 8P 10D	24 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 8P 13D	25 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 9P 12D	26 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 8 8P 13D 3L	27 PRIV 16 8P 8D PRIV 14 7P 9D GCMRC 10 10P11D2L	28 PRIV 16 7P 11D 2L PRIV 13 7P 10D 3L GCMRC 25 11P7D1L	29 PRIV 16 11P 10D PRIV 16 9P 12D 6L GCMRC 14 11P6D1L
30 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 6P 15D	31 PRIV 13 9P 12D PRIV 16 9P 12D					

# Phantom Ranch Exchanges March 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 PRIV 16 9P 9D 4L
2 PRIV 16 6P 14D	3 PRIV 7 4P 8D	4 PRIV 12 10P 14D 2L	5 PRIV 7 12P 12D 3L	6	7 PRIV 16 9P 9D PRIV 13 6P 15D PRIV 8 10P 15D 5L PRIV 16 12P 13D	8 GCMRC 12 3P5D1L
9 PRIV 16 9P 11D 2L	10	11 PRIV 16 10P 11D 4L PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L PRIV 16 7P 14D PRIV 10 5P 13D PRIV 15 7P 10D	12 PRIV 16 7P 13D	13 PRIV 11 8P 10D PRIV 15 6P 9D GCMRC 10 13P3D1L	14 PRIV 5 7P 10D PRIV 6 11P 10D	15 GCMRC 10 17P4D1L
16 PRIV 16 10P 11D 4L PRIV 16 8P 12D PRIV 16 7P 14D	17 PRIV 16 9P 9D PRIV 16 7P 12D PRIV 14 6P 11D	18 PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L	19 PRIV 11 7P 14D PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 10 9P 12D	20 PRIV 16 8P 13D	21 PRIV 10 7P 14D PRIV 16 8P 7D 2L	22 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 9P 12D 5L PRIV 8 7P 11D 3L
23 PRIV 16 7P 11D 4L	24 PRIV 16 8P 13D 4L	25 PRIV 16 10P 11D	26 PRIV 16 9P 9D 4L PRIV 14 9P 12D PRIV 15 8P 12D	27 PRIV 16 7P 14D PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 7 9P 9D	28 PRIV 16 9P 12D 2L PRIV 16 7P 11D	29
30 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 10 9P 9D PRIV 16 8P 10D	31 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 8P 13D					

# Whitmore Exchanges March 2008- N/A

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		NO MOTOR SEASON				1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

# Diamond Creek Takeouts March 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 PRIV 14 11P 14D
2	3 PRIV 15 9P 16D	4	5	6	7 PRIV 16 9P 9D PRIV 11 6P 10D	8 PRIV 16 10P 15D PRIV 9 8P 13D
9 PRIV 11 9P 16D	10 PRIV 16 12P 13D PRIV 16 9P 11D	11 PRIV 16 9P 16D PRIV 7 4P 8D	12	13 PRIV 4 12P 13D	14	15
16 PRIV 16 9P 9D PRIV 16 6P 14D GCMRC 8 17D	17	18 NPS 14D	19	20 PRIV 16 12P 13D	21 PRIV 15 7P 10D	22 PRIV 13 6P 15D PRIV 15 6P 9D
23 PRIV 11 8P 10D	24 PRIV 10 5P 13D PRIV 5 7P 10D PRIV 6 11P 10D	25 PRIV 16 7P 14D PRIV 16 7P 13D	26 PRIV 16 9P 9D	27	28 PRIV 16 8P 12D PRIV 14 6P 11D	29 PRIV 16 7P 12D PRIV 16 8P 10D
30 PRIV 16 7P 14D	31 PRIV 10 9P 12D					