

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
HIGH = AZRA/Discovery **GRCE** = Grand Canyon Expeditions **MOKI** = Moki Mac River Expeditions
OARS = O.A.R.S. **OUTD** = Outdoors Unlimited **TOUR** = Tour West **WEST** = Western River Expeditions
WRAD = 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.

March 2009

Noncommercial Trips: Lees Ferry Launch Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 PRIV 16 5P 9D PRIV 9 11P 9D	2 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 8P 13D	3 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 3 9P 12D	4 PRIV 16 7P 14D 5L PRIV 16 10P 11D	5 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 10 8P 10D	6 PRIV 16 8P 12D PRIV 16 8P 13D 2L	7 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 12 5P 9D
8 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 8P 13D	9 PRIV 10 10P 11D PRIV 16 7P 11D	10 PRIV 16 10P 6D PRIV 16 8P 10D	11 PRIV 10 9P 12D 3L PRIV 16 7P 14D	12 PRIV 16 7P 14D PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L	13 PRIV 16 6P 15D PRIV 6 8P 13D 4L	14 PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 16 7P 11D
15 PRIV 16 6P 10D PRIV 4 10P 11D	16 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 9P 12D	17 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 14 5P 9D	18 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 6 5P 9D 4L	19 PRIV 15 9P 12D PRIV 16 7P 10D	20 PRIV 12 9P 12D PRIV 16 6P 8D	21 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 9P 9D
22 PRIV 16 7P 14D PRIV 16 9P 12D	23 PRIV 10 8P 13D PRIV 16 7P 11D	24 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 9P 12D	25 PRIV 16 7P 8D PRIV 10 9P 12D	26 PRIV 16 9P 9D PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L	27 PRIV 13 13P 8D PRIV 16 9P 12D	28 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 9P 10D 3L
29 PRIV 16 8P 12D PRIV 11 9P 9D	30 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 14 6P 15D	31 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 9P 12D				

 Standard Sized Trip (1 - 16 people)

 Small Sized Trip (1 - 8 people)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 PRIV 12 9P 12D 0L	2	3 PRIV 12 10P 13D	4	5 PRIV 16 5P 9D	6 PRIV 7 11P 14D PRIV 16 9P 16D PRIV 4 10P 15D 4L	7
8 PRIV 10 9P 12D PRIV 9 10P 15D 5L	9 PRIV 16 8P 13D	10 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 7P 14D 5L	11 PRIV 9 11P 9D PRIV 12 5P 9D PRIV 3 9P 12D	12 PRIV 10 8P 10D	13 PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 8P 12D PRIV 16 8P 13D 2L	14 PRIV 16 8P 10D
15 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 7P 11D	16 PRIV 16 9P 12D	17 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 7P 14D	18 PRIV 10 10P 11D PRIV 16 7P 14D PRIV 16 6P 15D	19 PRIV 16 10P 6D PRIV 10 9P 12D 3L	20 PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 6P 10D PRIV 6 8P 13D 4L	21 PRIV 14 5P 9D
22 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 6 5P 9D 4L	23 PRIV 16 10P 11D	24 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 4 10P 11D PRIV 16 9P 12D	25 PRIV 16 6P 8D PRIV 16 7P 10D	26	27 PRIV 15 9P 12D	28 PRIV 12 9P 12D PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 7P 14D
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1	2	3 PRIV 8 11P 13D 6L	4	5 PRIV 15 9P 16D	6 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 9 9P 16D PRIV 13 7P 9D	7
8	9 PRIV 1 5P 10D	10	11	12 PRIV 12 9P 12D 4L	13 PRIV 12 9P 12D 0L PRIV 5 11P 14D	14 PRIV 16 5P 9D
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22 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 9P 16D PRIV 10 8P 10D PRIV 16 8P 13D	23 PRIV 9 10P 15D 5L PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 3 9P 12D	24 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 7P 14D 5L PRIV 16 10P 11D	25 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 8P 12D PRIV 16 10P 6D	26 PRIV 16 8P 13D 2L PRIV 16 7P 11D	27 PRIV 16 8P 10D	28 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 8P 13D
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