

## 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 or 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.

# Lees Ferry Launches April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 WEST 18 7W3J>L PRIV 13 9P 12D	2 TRAN 0 7P9D>L TOUR 14 9P10D PRIV 16 7P 10D PRIV 8 8P 13D	3 ARIZ 18 12D>L PRIV 16 9P 9D	4 AZRA 18 7P10D PRIV 8 8P 10D PRIV 2 8P 13D 3L
5 DIAM 20 4P5D OARS 16 6P9W4J>L PRIV 12 9P 12D	6 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 8 7P 9D	7 GRCE 16 16J>L WEST 18 7W3J>L PRIV 16 9P 9D 4L	8 PRIV 8 7P 11D PRIV 14 11P 10D 4L	9 COLO 12 11L PRIV 16 7P 9D	10 ARIZ 16 17W>D PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 8 8P 10D	11 AZRA 10 7P10D HATC 20 6P7W>L PRIV 12 5P 13D
12 DIAM 20 6P8D PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 8 8P 13D	13 GRCE 20 8J>L PRIV 16 7P 11D 3L	14 EXPD 18 8P9D PRIV 8 7P 14D PRIV 16 9P 12D	15 WEST 18 7W3J>L PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L	16 HIGH 20 10D OARS 16 7P13J>L PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L PRIV 8 9P 12D	17 MOKI 18 16D WRAD 20 4P5W>L PRIV 7 5P 13D	18 CAEX 14 8P9D GRCE 20 8J>L PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 8 8P 13D 2L
19 CANY 20 7J>L OARS 10 6P10W3D PRIV 16 5P 11D	20 COLO 20 5P7L HIGH 18 7P10D PRIV 8 8P 13D 3L PRIV 16 9P 11D	21 MOKI 18 8D OUTD 10 8P8W>D PRIV 16 9P 12D	22 TOUR 10 18D WEST 18 7W3J>L PRIV 8 9P 9D 2L PRIV 16 7P 9D	23 AZRA 18 15D GRCE 20 8J>L PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L	24 ARIZ 19 9W>L WRAD 18 6P7W>D PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 6 7P 14D 3L	25 CANY 20 7J>L EXPD 10 9P10D PRIV
26 HATC 20 12W>L OARS 11 6P10J>L PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 8 7P 11D 3L	27 DIAM 20 4P5D OUTD 10 7P9J>L PRIV 16 10P 11D 4L	28 GRCE 16 16J>L TOUR 10 6W3J>L PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 8 8P 13D	29 AZRA 18 6P9D WEST 18 7W3J>L PRIV 16 8P 13D	30 WEST 18 7W3J>L PRIV 8 7P 14D PRIV 8 10P 11D		

# Phantom Ranch Exchanges April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 PRIV 16 9P 12D	2 PRIV 10 9P 12D PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L	3 PRIV 16 9P 9D	4 PRIV 15 6P 15D PRIV 16 9P 12D
5 PRIV 16 8P 12D PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 13 10P 11D PRIV 16 9P 10D 3L	6 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 11 9P 9D	7	8 TRAN 0 7P9D>L DIAM 20 4P5D PRIV 16 7P 10D PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 9P 12D	9 PRIV 13 9P 12D PRIV 8 8P 13D	10 AZRA 18 7P10D OARS 16 6P9W4J>L TOUR 14 9P10D	11 PRIV 8 8P 10D PRIV 16 9P 9D PRIV 2 8P 13D 3L
12 PRIV 8 7P 9D	13 PRIV 12 9P 12D PRIV 16 8P 10D	14 PRIV 8 7P 11D	15 PRIV 12 5P 13D PRIV 16 9P 9D 4L PRIV 16 7P 9D	16 HATC 20 6P7W>L	17 AZRA 10 7P10D DIAM 20 6P8D PRIV 8 8P 10D	18 PRIV 14 11P 10D 4L
19 PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 16 7P 11D 3L PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 8 8P 13D	20 WRAD 20 4P5W>L PRIV 8 7P 14D	21 EXPD 18 8P9D PRIV 7 5P 13D	22 OARS 16 7P13J>L PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L PRIV 16 9P 12D	23 PRIV 16 5P 11D PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L	24 COLO 20 5P7L OARS 10 6P10W3D PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 8 9P 12D	25 CAEX 14 8P9D PRIV 8 8P 13D 2L
26 HIGH 18 7P10D	27 PRIV 8 8P 13D 3L	28 OUTD 10 8P8W>D PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 16 9P 11D	29 WRAD 18 6P7W>D PRIV 16 9P 12D	30 DIAM 20 4P5D PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L PRIV 8 9P 9D 2L PRIV 6 7P 14D 3L		

# Whitmore Exchanges April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 X WEST 18 7W3J>L	8	9	10	11
12	13 X WEST 18 7W3J>L	14	15	16	17	18 X OARS 16 6P9W4J>L
19	20	21 X WEST 18 7W3J>L	22 P HATC 20 6P7W>L	23	24 P WRAD 20 4P5W>L	25
26 P ARIZ 16 17W>D	27	28 X WEST 18 7W3J>L	29	30		

# Diamond Creek Take Outs April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 PRIV 16 10P 11D	2 PRIV 16 6P 8D PRIV 16 6P 15D PRIV 16 7P 11D	3 PRIV 16 10P 11D	4 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 7P 10D PRIV 4 10P 11D
5	6 PRIV 16 8P 13D	7 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 9P 9D	8 PRIV 16 7P 8D PRIV 15 9P 12D PRIV 7 7P 11D	9 PRIV 13 9P 12D PRIV 16 7P 11D	10 PRIV 16 8P 10D	11 PRIV 16 7P 14D
12 ● DIAM 20 4P5D PRIV 16 9P 9D PRIV 10 8P 13D	13 PRIV 16 9P 12D	14 P ARIZ 18 12D>L PRIV 10 9P 12D	15 PRIV 11 9P 9D	16 P TRAN 0 7P9D>L PRIV 13 10P 11D PRIV 16 9P 12D	17 PRIV 16 8P 12D PRIV 16 9P 12D	18 PRIV 16 7P 10D
19 ● AZRA 18 7P10D ● TOUR 14 9P10D PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 15 6P 15D	20 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 9P 9D	21 PRIV 13 9P 12D PRIV 8 8P 10D PRIV 8 7P 9D	22 PRIV 8 8P 13D	23 PRIV 16 8P 10D	24 ● DIAM 20 6P8D PRIV 16 7P 9D	25 ● HIGH 20 10D PRIV 8 7P 11D PRIV 12 9P 12D
26 ● AZRA 10 7P10D E ARIZ 16 17W>D	27 PRIV 8 8P 10D	28 ● MOKI 18 8D PRIV 12 5P 13D	29 ● EXPD 18 8P9D	30 PRIV 16 10P 11D		