

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.

Lees Ferry Launches October 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 OARS 16 7P10D PRIV 16 8P 12D PRIV 16 9P 12D	2 PRIV 16 10P 11D 4L	3 EXPD 18 7P9D PRIV 12 9P 8D PRIV 13 7P 11D	4 PRIV 7 7P 14D
5 ARIZ 18 8P10D PRIV 12 7P 14D PRIV 12 8P 13D 4L	6 PRIV 13 7P 14D	7 AZRA 18 7P10D PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 8P 13D	8 PRIV 7 7P 8D	9 PRIV 16 9P 11D PRIV 5 9P 12D	10 PRIV 16 7P 9D	11 HIGH 18 7P10D PRIV 10 9P 7D PRIV 16 10P 11D
12 PRIV 16 10P 11D	13 MOKI 18 6P9D PRIV 14 8P 13D PRIV 12 9P 12D	14 PRIV 16 9P 9D 3L	15 OARS 16 7P12D PRIV 6 9P 12D PRIV 16 7P 11D	16 PRIV 16 8P 10D	17 OARS 10 7P12D PRIV 11 6P 8D PRIV 9 5P 14D	18 PRIV 13 7P 11D
19 CAEX 18 15D PRIV 11 8P 9D PRIV 16 9P 12D	20 PRIV 16 9P 9D	21 WRAD 16 16D PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L PRIV 14 8P 13D	22 PRIV 16 8P 8D 2L	23 AZRA 18 7P10D PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 14 9P 9D	24 PRIV 16 9P 12D	25 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 10 8P 13D
26 PRIV ??	27 PRIV 16 7P 12D PRIV ??	28 PRIV 14 10P 11D	29 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 12 5P 11D	30 PRIV 12 9P 12D	31 PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 12 8P 10D 3L	

Phantom Ranch Exchanges October 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 HIGH 18 7P9D PRIV 16 9P 9D PRIV 4 11P 10D	2 MOKI 16 6P9J>L PRIV 16 8P 12D PRIV 16 6P 12D PRIV 16 8P 13D	3 AZRA 18 7P10D DIAM 16 6P8D EXPD 15 8P9D PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 13 8P 13D	4 PRIV 16 8P 13D 5L
5 MOKI 18 6P9J>L PRIV 16 8P 13D 4L PRIV 16 7P 12D	6	7 OARS 16 7P10D PRIV 16 9P 10D PRIV 16 8P 13D	8 PRIV 16 8P 12D	9 EXPD 18 7P9D PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 13 7P 11D	10 PRIV 7 7P 14D	11 PRIV 16 10P 11D 4L PRIV 12 9P 8D PRIV 12 7P 14D
12 ARIZ 18 8P10D PRIV 13 7P 14D PRIV 12 8P 13D 4L	13 AZRA 18 7P10D	14 PRIV 7 7P 8D PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 8P 13D	15	16 PRIV 16 7P 9D	17 HIGH 18 7P10D PRIV 16 9P 11D PRIV 5 9P 12D	18 MOKI 18 6P9D
19 PRIV 10 9P 7D	20 PRIV 14 8P 13D PRIV 16 10P 11D	21 OARS 16 7P12D PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 9 5P 14D PRIV 12 9P 12D	22 PRIV 11 6P 8D PRIV 16 9P 9D 3L	23 OARS 10 7P12D PRIV 6 9P 12D PRIV 16 8P 10D	24 PRIV 13 7P 11D	25
26 PRIV 11 8P 9D	27 PRIV 16 9P 12D	28 PRIV 16 9P 9D PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L PRIV 14 8P 13D	29 AZRA 18 7P10D PRIV 16 8P 8D 2L	30	31 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 14 9P 9D	

Whitmore Exchanges October 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 P OUTD 12 8P8W>D	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 Take Outs October 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 ● AZRA 18 7P9D ● WRAD 16 14D PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 9P 9D	3 PRIV 14 7P 11D	4 ● CAEX 18 7P9D ● TOUR 12 16D
5 ● OARS 10 6P10D	6 E OUTD 13 8P8W>D	7	8 ● CAEX 15 8P9D ● OARS 16 16D PRIV 8 9P 12D	9 ● AZRA 15 7P10D ● HIGH 18 7P9D PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 9P 12D	10 ● DIAM 16 6P8D PRIV 16 9P 9D PRIV 15 10P 11D	11 ● EXPD 15 8P9D PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 4 11P 10D
12 ● AZRA 18 7P10D	13	14 PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 16 8P 12D PRIV 16 6P 12D	15 PRIV 16 8P 13D	16 ● OARS 16 7P10D PRIV 13 8P 13D	17 ● EXPD 18 7P9D PRIV 16 9P 10D PRIV 16 7P 12D	18
19 PRIV 12 9P 8D	20 PRIV 16 8P 12D PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 13 7P 11D	21 ● ARIZ 18 8P10D PRIV 16 9P 12D	22 ● AZRA 18 7P10D PRIV 7 7P 8D	23	24 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 7 7P 14D	25 PRIV 12 7P 14D PRIV 16 7P 9D
26 ● HIGH 18 7P10D ● MOKI 18 6P9D PRIV 10 9P 7D PRIV 13 7P 14D	27 PRIV 16 8P 13D	28 PRIV 16 9P 11D	29 PRIV 5 9P 12D	30 PRIV 11 6P 8D	31 PRIV 16 10P 11D	