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PLEASE REVIEW THIS INFORMATION BEFORE READING THE CALENDARS

Five separate river trip calendars are available

- 1) Lees Ferry launch calendar
- 2) Phantom Ranch exchange calendar
- 3) Whitmore exchange calendar
- 4) Diamond Creek takeout calendar
- 5) Pearce Ferry takeout calendar

These calendars list the tentative launch schedules for all commercial, noncommercial, research, and National Park Service administrative trips. Patrol trips are not included. The calendars are posted to the park website (www.nps.gov/grca/parkmgmt/riv_mgt.htm) approximately one month in advance. Once posted, the calendars are not updated. Some minor trip changes may occur after the calendars have been posted.

How to read the calendars

Each river 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 reflect the trip's planned schedule. All trips launch from Lees Ferry. Trips launching from Diamond Creek are not included.

Abbreviations

Type of Trip/Company Names

PRIV = Private Noncommercial Trip
GCMRC = GCMRC Research Trip
ARIZ = Arizona River Runners
CANY = Canyoneers
GCDY = Grand Canyon Discovery
HATC = Hatch River Expeditions
RAFT = Grand Canyon Raft Adventures
WILD = Wilderness River Adventures

RSH = Research Trip
TRAN = Commercial Training Trip
AZRA = Arizona Raft Adventures
COLO = CO River and Trail Expeditions
GCEX = Grand Canyon Expeditions
OARS = O.A.R.S. Grand Canyon
TOUR = Tour West

GRCA = NPS trip
ADMN = Administrative Trip Other
CAEX = Canyon Explorations
EXPD = Canyon Expeditions
GCW = Grand Canyon Whitewater
OUTD = Outdoors Unlimited
WEST = Western River Expeditions

Location

P = Phantom Ranch
J = Jet boat

W = Whitmore Helipad
L = Lake Mead (Pearce Ferry)

D = Diamond Creek
> = "Deadhead" (equipment/crew only)

Examples

PRIV 15 9P 12D 3L A planned maximum of 15 participants, 9 days to Phantom Ranch, 12 more days to Diamond Creek, 3 more days to Lake Mead to take out.

WEST 28 6W 3J >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.

GCEX 20 10D 20 participants, 10 days to Diamond Creek.

Lees Ferry Launch Calendar

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 the Noncommercial River Trip Regulations.

Phantom Ranch Exchange Calendar

This calendar includes commercial trips that have scheduled a passenger exchange at Phantom Ranch and all noncommercial (PRIV) trips whether they are exchanging or not. Noncommercial trips are allowed to modify their exchange schedule up to and including the day of launch.

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 Cremation 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, river mile 187. Helicopter flights are restricted to the hours before 10:00 a.m. except on days with four or more exchanges. The Whitmore schedule is included to assist those who wish to minimize their exposure to over flight noise or congestion.

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.

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.

Pearce Ferry Takeout Calendar

The Pearce Ferry calendar includes all trips that indicate that some portion of their equipment and/or passengers will be utilizing the Pearce Ferry takeout. The calendar does not include river trips managed by the Hualapai Tribe.

Noncommercial Lees Ferry Launches for April 2018

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

Commercial Lees Ferry Calendar

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
GCEX 16 16J>L WEST 18 7W3J>L 1	TOUR 18 18D 2	AZRA 14 14D GCEX 28 9J>L 3	OARS 16 7P12L 4	EXPD 0 16D WEST 28 7W3J>L 5	TOUR 23 17W>L 6	ARIZ 27 5P7D>L AZRA 18 7P10D 7
OARS 16 6P12L 8	GCW 20 11D 9	GCEX 20 16J>L 10	HATC 27 12W>D WEST 28 7W3J>L 11	ARIZ 16 7P9D 12	CAEX 18 8P11D COLO 24 11L 13	AZRA 18 16D 14
GCW 24 15D HATC 21 6P7W>L 15	GCEX 20 16J>L TOUR 10 6W3J>L 16	GCDY 18 6P9D WEST 28 7W3J>L 17	GCW 0 15D WEST 16 7W3J>L 18	AZRA 18 10D OARS 23 7P11L 19	RAFT 18 6P9D WILD 20 4P5W>L 20	EXPD 19 7P9D GCEX 28 9J>L 21
CANY 20 7L OARS 16 7P8W4L 22	AZRA 16 6P9D COLO 24 9L 23	OUTD 18 7P9J>L RAFT 20 8D 24	TOUR 12 13W>D WEST 28 7W3J>L 25	AZRA 0 14D GCEX 28 8J>L 26	ARIZ 23 9W>L WILD 16 6P7W>D 27	CAEX 20 16D CANY 20 7L 28
HATC 21 12W>L OARS 16 5P8W4L 29	GCDY 19 10D OUTD 18 7P9L 30					

Noncommercial Phantom Ranch Exchanges for April 2018

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

Commercial Phantom Ranch Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	OARS 16 7P12L 10	ARIZ 27 5P7D>L 11	12	AZRA 18 7P10D 13 OARS 16 6P12L	14
15	16	17	ARIZ 16 7P9D 18	19	CAEX 18 8P11D 20 HATC 21 6P7W>L	21
GCDY 18 6P9D 22	WILD 20 4P5W>L 23	24	OARS 23 7P11L 25 RAFT 18 6P9D	26	EXPD 19 7P9D 27	OARS 16 7P8W4L 28 AZRA 16 6P9D
29	OUTD 18 7P9J>L 30					

Commercial Whitmore Helipad Calendar April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	WEST 18 7W3J>L 7
8	9	10	WEST 28 7W3J>L 11	12	13	14
15	16	WEST 28 7W3J>L 17	18	19	20	TOUR 10 6W3J>L 21
TOUR 23 17W>L HATC 27 12W>D 22	WEST 28 7W3J>L 23	WEST 16 7W3J>L 24	25	HATC 21 6P7W>L 26	WILD 20 4P5W>L 27	28
29	30					

Noncommercial Diamond Creek Takeouts for April 2018

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	AZRA 14 14D 16	ARIZ 27 5P7D>L 17	18	TOUR 18 18D GCW 20 11D 19	EXPD 0 16D 20	21
AZRA 18 7P10D HATC 27 12W>D 22	23	24	25	ARIZ 16 7P9D 26	27	AZRA 18 10D 28
AZRA 18 16D GCW 24 15D 29	CAEX 18 8P11D GCDY 18 6P9D 30					

Noncommercial Pearce Ferry Takeouts for April 2018

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

Commercial Pearce Ferry Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	WEST 18 7W3J>L 9	10	GCEX 28 9J>L 11	12	WEST 28 7W3J>L 13	14
15	GCEX 16 16J>L 16	17	ARIZ 27 5P7D>L 18	WEST 28 7W3J>L 19	20	OARS 16 7P12L 21
22	TOUR 23 17W>L 23 COLO 24 11L TOUR 10 6W3J>L	OARS 16 6P12L R 24	GCEX 20 16J>L 25 WEST 28 7W3J>L	HATC 21 6P7W>L 26 WEST 16 7W3J>L	27	WILD 20 4P5W>L 28 CANY 20 7L
GCEX 28 9J>L 29	30					