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RIVER TRIP LAUNCH CALENDAR

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.

Lees Ferry Launches for August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 AZRA 21 6P9D COLO 14 8L GCEX 28 8J>L GCW 23 7W>L
2 PRIV 13 6P 7D 3L ARIZ 24 6W2J>L CANY 20 3P5D>L HATC 25 7W>L OARS 16 6P7W5L	3 ARIZ 24 7W2J>L OUTD 21 5P9L TOUR 24 6W3J>L	4 ARIZ 24 8J>L AZRA 20 6P9D GCEX 28 9J>L WEST 27 6W3J>L	5 GCW 22 4P5D>L WEST 28 6W3J>L WEST 26 6W3J>L	6 EXPD 18 7P9D GCEX 28 8J>L WEST 32 6W3J>L	7 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L GCEX 28 8J>L OARS 16 5P6W6L WILD 28 6W>L	8 PRIV 8 8P 8D 2L AZRA 20 16D COLO 14 9L GCEX 28 8J>L GCW 1 7W>L
9 PRIV 16 7P 9D 1L CANY 28 7D>L CANY 10 7D>L RAFT 20 6P9D	10 ARIZ 24 7W3J>L OUTD 12 6P8L TOUR 28 6W3J>L	11 PRIV 16 7P 7D 2L ARIZ 24 6W2J>L CAEX 18 7P9D WEST 20 6W3J>L WEST 32 6W3J>L	12 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L COLO 20 11W3J>L WEST 21 6W3J>L WEST 14 6W3J>L WILD 28 7W>L	13 AZRA 25 8D GCEX 14 8J>L GCEX 14 8J>L TOUR 15 15W>L	14 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L GCDY 20 6P9D GCEX 28 8J>L WILD 28 7W>L	15 ARIZ 26 7W2J>L GCEX 28 8J>L GCW 1 7W>L GCW 1 7W>L WILD 24 6P7W>D
16 PRIV 16 6P 10D 3L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L CANY 28 3P5D>L GCW 24 6P8D>L	17 PRIV 11 8P 8D 1L OUTD 16 5P9L RAFT 24 8D TOUR 15 6W3J>L	18 ARIZ 24 6W3J>L CAEX 18 7P9D GCDY 25 8D WEST 31 6W3J>L	19 GCEX 28 8J>L WEST 17 6W3J>L WILD 28 7W>L	20 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L AZRA 20 6P9D GCEX 28 8J>L HATC 12 7W>L WEST 28 6W3J>L	21 GCEX 28 8J>L GCW 22 7W>L OARS 16 6P7W5L WILD 28 4P5W>L	22 PRIV 4 6P 10D 3L PRIV 16 7P 9D 2L AZRA 20 15D COLO 14 7W2J>L GCEX 28 8J>L
23 PRIV 16 4P 5D 1L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L CAEX 18 7P9D CANY 28 3P5D>L HATC 6 7W>L	24 PRIV 8 9P 7D 3L GCW 22 8D>L HATC 16 8W>L OUTD 16 13L TOUR 14 6W3J>L	25 PRIV 16 3P 3D 2L ARIZ 24 6W3J>L OARS 16 6P7W5L WEST 17 6W3J>L WEST 32 6W3J>L	26 RAFT 20 6P9D WEST 26 6W3J>L WEST 15 6W3J>L WILD 28 7W>L	27 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L CANY 19 6P9D GCEX 14 8J>L GCEX 14 8J>L HATC 16 7W>L	28 PRIV 16 7P 9D ARIZ 24 7W2J>L AZRA 25 10D GCEX 28 8J>L HATC 11 6P7W>D	29 GCEX 28 8J>L GCW 22 4P5D>L RAFT 20 6P9D WEST 14 6W3J>L
30 PRIV 8 8P 6D 3L PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L GCDY 20 6P9D RAFT 24 8D WEST 28 6W3J>L	31 AZRA 20 6P9D GCEX 14 8J>L GCEX 14 8J>L HATC 12 7W>L					

Phantom Ranch Dates for August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 PRIV 16 5P 5D 1L
2 PRIV 7 5P 8D 3L PRIV 16 5P 7D 2L WILD 24 6P7W>D GCW 22 4P5D>L	3	4 CANY 20 3P5D>L	5 PRIV 16 6P 8D 2L PRIV 16 11P 5D 2L ARIZ 24 6P8D	6 PRIV 8 7P 9D 3L AZRA 21 6P9D	7 PRIV 13 6P 7D 3L OARS 16 6P7W5L OUTD 21 5P9L	8 GCW 22 4P5D>L
9 AZRA 20 6P9D	10	11 OARS 16 5P6W6L	12 EXPD 18 7P9D	13 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L	14 RAFT 20 6P9D	15 PRIV 8 8P 8D 2L PRIV 16 7P 9D 1L OUTD 12 6P8L
16	17 PRIV 16 7P 7D 2L CAEX 18 7P9D	18 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L CANY 28 3P5D>L	19 GCDY 20 6P9D	20 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L WILD 24 6P7W>D	21 PRIV 16 6P 10D 3L GCW 24 6P8D>L OUTD 16 5P9L	22
23	24 PRIV 11 8P 8D 1L CAEX 18 7P9D WILD 28 4P5W>L	25 AZRA 20 6P9D CANY 28 3P5D>L	26 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L PRIV 16 4P 5D 1L OARS 16 6P7W5L	27 PRIV 4 6P 10D 3L PRIV 16 3P 3D 2L	28 PRIV 16 7P 9D 2L	29 CAEX 18 7P9D
30 OARS 16 6P7W5L	31 RAFT 20 6P9D					

Whitmore Exchanges for August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 ARIZ 24 7W2J>L TOUR 15 6W3J>L
2 ARIZ 24 7W2J>L WEST 30 6W3J>L WEST 21 6W3J>L	3 OARS 16 6P7W5L WILD 28 7W>L WEST 32 6W3J>L WEST 20 6W3J>L	4 COLO 16	5	6 WILD 28 7W>L	7 GCW 23 7W>L ARIZ 24 6W2J>L	8 WILD 24 6P7W>D HATC 25 7W>L TOUR 24 6W3J>L
9 ARIZ 24 7W2J>L WEST 27 6W3J>L	10 WEST 28 6W3J>L WEST 26 6W3J>L	11 WEST 32 6W3J>L	12 WILD 28 6W>L	13 OARS 16 6P7W5L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L	14 GCW 1 7W>L	15 TOUR 28 6W3J>L
16 OARS 16 5P6W6L ARIZ 24 7W3J>L ARIZ 24 6W2J>L WEST 20 6W3J>L WEST 32 6W3J>L	17 WEST 21 6W3J>L WEST 14 6W3J>L	18 WILD 28 7W>L	19	20 WILD 28 7W>L	21 ARIZ 26 7W2J>L GCW 1 7W>L GCW 1 7W>L	22 COLO 20 11W3J>L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L TOUR 15 6W3J>L
23 ARIZ 24 6W3J>L WEST 31 6W3J>L	24 WEST 17 6W3J>L	25 WILD 28 7W>L WEST 28 6W3J>L	26 WILD 24 6P7W>D HATC 12 7W>L	27 TOUR 15 15W>L GCW 22 7W>L	28 WILD 28 4P5W>L COLO 14 7W2J>L	29 ARIZ 24 7W2J>L HATC 6 7W>L TOUR 14 6W3J>L
30 ARIZ 24 6W3J>L WEST 17 6W3J>L WEST 32 6W3J>L	31 HATC 16 8W>L WEST 26 6W3J>L WEST 15 6W3J>L					

Diamond Creek Dates for August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 EXPD 14 7P9D CANY 14 7D>L
2	3	4 PRIV 16 6P 10D 3L AZRA 21 6P9D	5 RAFT 12 8D	6 PRIV 16 5P 5D 1L PRIV 16 6P 8D 2L GCW 22 4P5D>L	7 PRIV 8 7P 9D 3L EXPD 10 7P9D AZRA 8 8D	8 CANY 20 3P5D>L
9 PRIV 16 7P 9D 2L PRIV 16 5P 7D 2L WILD 24 6P7W>D	10 PRIV 7 5P 8D 3L PRIV 16 11P 5D 2L	11	12 RAFT 21 14D ARIZ 24 6P8D GCW 22 4P5D>L	13 PRIV 16 6P 8D 2L	14 PRIV 13 6P 7D 3L AZRA 21 6P9D	15 PRIV 8 7P 9D 3L CANY 28 7D>L CANY 10 7D>L
16	17 AZRA 20 6P9D	18	19	20 EXPD 18 7P9D AZRA 25 8D	21	22 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L RAFT 20 6P9D CANY 28 3P5D>L
23 PRIV 8 8P 8D 2L AZRA 20 16D	24 PRIV 16 7P 9D 1L PRIV 16 7P 7D 2L RAFT 24 8D	25 CAEX 18 7P9D GCDY 25 8D	26	27 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L GCDY 20 6P9D WILD 24 6P7W>D	28 GCW 24 6P8D>L	29 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L CANY 28 3P5D>L
30 PRIV 16 3P 3D 2L	31 PRIV 16 6P 10D 3L PRIV 16 4P 5D 1L GCW 22 8D>L					

Pearce Ferry Dates for August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 PRIV 16 6P 10D 3L PRIV 13 5P 9D 2L PRIV 16 6P 10D 2L OUTD 12 6P8L ARIZ 28 7W2J>L GCEX 23 8J>L CANY 14 7D>L
2 OARS 16 5P6W6L ARIZ 28 7W2J>L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L	3 PRIV 16 6P 10D 3L GCEX 18 14J>L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L TOUR 15 6W3J>L	4 ARIZ 24 7W2J>L WEST 30 6W3J>L WEST 21 6W3J>L WILD 28 7W>L	5 WEST 32 6W3J>L WEST 20 6W3J>L	6 COLO 16 GCEX 20 8J>L	7 PRIV 16 5P 5D 1L PRIV 16 6P 10D 3L OARS 16 6P7W5L GCW 22 4P5D>L WILD 28 7W>L GCW 23 7W>L	8 PRIV 16 6P 8D 2L COLO 14 8L GCEX 28 8J>L ARIZ 24 6W2J>L CANY 20 3P5D>L HATC 25 7W>L
9 OARS 16 5P11L ARIZ 24 6W2J>L	10 PRIV 8 7P 9D 3L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L TOUR 24 6W3J>L	11 PRIV 16 7P 9D 2L PRIV 16 5P 7D 2L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L ARIZ 24 8J>L WEST 27 6W3J>L	12 PRIV 16 11P 5D 2L ARIZ 24 8J>L GCEX 28 9J>L WEST 28 6W3J>L WEST 26 6W3J>L	13 PRIV 7 5P 8D 3L GCW 22 4P5D>L GCEX 28 8J>L WEST 32 6W3J>L WILD 28 6W>L	14 ARIZ 24 7W2J>L GCEX 28 8J>L	15 PRIV 16 6P 8D 2L OUTD 21 5P9L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L GCEX 28 8J>L GCW 1 7W>L CANY 28 7D>L CANY 10 7D>L
16 COLO 14 9L	17 PRIV 13 6P 7D 3L OARS 16 6P7W5L TOUR 28 6W3J>L ARIZ 24 6W2J>L	18 PRIV 8 7P 9D 3L ARIZ 24 7W3J>L ARIZ 24 6W2J>L WEST 20 6W3J>L WEST 32 6W3J>L	19 ARIZ 24 7W3J>L WEST 21 6W3J>L WEST 14 6W3J>L WILD 28 7W>L	20 GCEX 14 8J>L GCEX 14 8J>L	21 OARS 16 5P6W6L GCEX 28 8J>L WILD 28 7W>L	22 OUTD 12 6P8L ARIZ 26 7W2J>L GCEX 28 8J>L GCW 1 7W>L GCW 1 7W>L CANY 28 3P5D>L
23 ARIZ 26 7W2J>L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L	24 COLO 20 11W3J>L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L TOUR 15 6W3J>L	25 PRIV 8 8P 8D 2L PRIV 16 7P 9D 1L PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L COLO 20 11W3J>L ARIZ 24 6W3J>L WEST 31 6W3J>L	26 PRIV 16 7P 7D 2L ARIZ 24 6W3J>L GCEX 28 8J>L WEST 17 6W3J>L WILD 28 7W>L HATC 12 7W>L	27 GCEX 28 8J>L WEST 28 6W3J>L	28 TOUR 15 15W>L GCEX 28 8J>L GCW 22 7W>L	29 GCW 24 6P8D>L OUTD 16 5P9L WILD 28 4P5W>L COLO 14 7W2J>L GCEX 28 8J>L CANY 28 3P5D>L HATC 6 7W>L
30 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3 ARIZ 24 7W2J>L	31 ARIZ 24 7W2J>L HATC 16 8W>L TOUR 14 6W3J>L					