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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.

Lees Ferry Launches for December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					PRIV 8 10P 15D ¹	PRIV 16 12P 13D 5L ²
PRIV 1 -2P 2D ³	PRIV 10 9P 10D ⁴	PRIV 4 6P 4D 1L ⁵	PRIV 11 7P 12D 2L ⁶	PRIV 1 3P 3D 1L ⁷	PRIV 8 10P 11D 4L ⁸	PRIV 16 10P 15D 5L ⁹
PRIV 1 -2P 2D ¹⁰	PRIV 2 8P 12D ¹¹	PRIV 16 9P 13D ¹²	PRIV 16 8P 14D 3L ¹³	PRIV 7 9P 13D ¹⁴	PRIV 11 8P 11D 1L ¹⁵	PRIV 2 6P 8D ¹⁶
PRIV 6 8P 11D 2L ¹⁷	PRIV 1 12P 13D ¹⁸	¹⁹	PRIV 8 8P 10D ²⁰	PRIV 16 -2P 2D 18L ²¹	PRIV 13 10P 15D ²²	PRIV 1 -2P 2D ²³
PRIV 16 9P 6D ²⁴	PRIV 1 -2P 2D 26L ²⁵	PRIV 16 9P 11D 3L ²⁶	PRIV 16 4P 6D ²⁷	PRIV 16 10P 9D 2L ²⁸	PRIV 6 3P 3D ²⁹ PRIV 4 8P 12D	PRIV 13 10P 15D 3L ³⁰
PRIV 16 12P 11D 2L ³¹						

Phantom Ranch Exchanges for December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					PRIV 8 8P 13D 4L ¹	²
PRIV 14 8P 10D 3L ³	PRIV 16 5P 13D 3L ⁴	⁵	⁶	PRIV 9 9P 15D ⁷	⁸	PRIV 13 12P 11D 2L ⁹ PRIV 1 3P 3D 1L
PRIV 4 6P 4D 1L ¹⁰ PRIV 8 10P 15D	¹¹	PRIV 10 9P 10D ¹² PRIV 11 7P 12D 2L	PRIV 16 12P 13D 5L ¹³	¹⁴	¹⁵	¹⁶
PRIV 8 10P 11D 4L ¹⁷	PRIV 2 8P 12D ¹⁸ PRIV 16 10P 15D 5L	¹⁹	PRIV 16 8P 14D 3L ²⁰ PRIV 16 9P 13D	PRIV 2 6P 8D ²¹	PRIV 11 8P 11D 1L ²² PRIV 7 9P 13D	²³
PRIV 6 8P 11D 2L ²⁴	²⁵	²⁶	PRIV 8 8P 10D ²⁷	²⁸	PRIV 1 12P 13D ²⁹	PRIV 16 4P 6D ³⁰
PRIV 13 10P ³¹ 15D PRIV 6 3P 3D						

Diamond Creek Takeouts for December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 PRIV 10 6P 13D 2L PRIV 16 9P 13D 3L PRIV 12 8P 13D 2L PRIV 10 7P 18D PRIV 3 4P 7D PRIV 16 8P 12D 5L	2
3 PRIV 12 9P 16D	4	5	6	7 PRIV 16 9P 15D	8 PRIV 15 8P 14D PRIV 10 8P 8D 3L	9 PRIV 16 13P 12D PRIV 12 5P 10D
10 PRIV 16 9P 16D	11	12 PRIV 1 3P 3D 1L PRIV 16 11P 12D PRIV 16 12P 12D	13 PRIV 14 8P 10D 3L PRIV 14 8P 13D	14 PRIV 4 6P 4D 1L PRIV 15 8P 15D 2L PRIV 8 8P 13D 4L	15	16
17 PRIV 16 5P 13D 3L	18	19	20 PRIV 13 12P 11D 2L	21	22 PRIV 9 9P 15D PRIV 10 9P 10D	23
24 PRIV 11 7P 12D 2L	25 PRIV 8 10P 15D	26 PRIV 16 12P 13D 5L	27	28 PRIV 8 10P 11D 4L	29 PRIV 2 6P 8D	30 PRIV 2 8P 12D
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Pearce Ferry Takeouts for December 2017

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