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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 December 2020

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

Phantom Ranch Dates for December 2020

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

Diamond Creek Dates for December 2020

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

Pearce Ferry Dates for December 2020

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