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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
AZRA = Arizona Raft Adventures
CANY = Canyoneers
GCDY = Grand Canyon Discovery
HATC = Hatch River Expeditions
OUTD = Outdoors Unlimited
WILD = Wilderness River Adventures

RSH = Research Trip
TRAN = Commercial Training Trip
ARIZ = Arizona River Runners
COLO = CO River and Trail Expeditions
GCEX = Grand Canyon Expeditions
MOKI = Moki Mac River Expeditions
TOUR = Tour West

GRCA = NPS trip
ADMN = Administrative Trip Other
CAEX = Canyon Explorations
EXPD = Canyon Expeditions
GCW = Grand Canyon Whitewater
OARS = O.A.R.S. Grand Canyon
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 February 2016

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

■ Standard Size Trip
 ■ Small Size Trip

Phantom Ranch Exchanges for February 2016

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

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Diamond Creek Takeouts for February 2016

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

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Pearce Ferry Takeouts for February 2016

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

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