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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 February 2021

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

Phantom Ranch Dates for February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 PRIV 4 9P 9D 2L	2	3 PRIV 2 9P 16D 1L	4 PRIV 16 5P 10D	5 PRIV 12 12P 13D 5L	6 PRIV 9 11P 14D 5L
7 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 6 6P 10D	8	9 PRIV 16 12P 13D 5L	10 PRIV 12 10P 8D PRIV 16 8P 14D	11 PRIV 10 8P 6D 5L	12 PRIV 4 7P 9D PRIV 3 6P 7D PRIV 12 5P 10D	13
14 PRIV 16 10P 13D	15	16	17 PRIV 16 9P 13D	18 PRIV 7 5P 8D	19	20 PRIV 10 8P 13D
21 PRIV 4 11P 14D 3L PRIV 14 6P 10D	22 PRIV 16 13P 12D	23	24 PRIV 16 10P 15D 1L	25 PRIV 16 8P 10D	26	27
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Pearce Ferry Dates for February 2021

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