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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 June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 ARIZ 22 7W2J>L CANY 13 7D>L COLO 11 8L HATC 16 7W>L	15 PRIV 8 7P 9D 1L COLO 10 7W>L HATC 28 7W>L TOUR 21 6W3J>L	16 ARIZ 18 6W>L GCEX 14 14J>L WEST 22 6W3J>L WEST 24 7W3J>L	17 PRIV 8 7P 6D 3L AZRA 12 8L CANY 13 6P9D GCW 19 7W>L	18 CAEX 14 7P9D GCEX 14 8J>L GCEX 11 8J>L WEST 28 6W3J>L	19 PRIV 8 7P 9D 3L PRIV 16 6P 10D 3L AZRA 24 8L GCEX 12 8J>L HATC 24 7W>L	20 AZRA 13 6P9D COLO 9 8L GCEX 17 8J>L GCW 21 7W>L
21 PRIV 6 5P 11D 1L PRIV 16 8P 8D 3L ARIZ 22 6W2J>L CANY 29 3P5D>L HATC 23 7W>D	22 ARIZ 22 7W2J>L EXPD 8 15D HATC 20 7W>L	23 PRIV 16 7P 8D 2L ARIZ 18 8J>L OUTD 11 6P8L WEST 26 6W3J>L WEST 28 6W3J>L	24 RAFT 11 14D WEST 29 6W3J>L WEST 26 7W3J>L	25 HATC 12 4P4W>L HATC 14 7W>L	26 PRIV 16 6P 10D 3L GCEX 14 8J>L TOUR 17 6W3J>L WILD 16 12W>L WILD 1 4P5W>L	27 PRIV 8 8P 8D 2L ARIZ 22 7W2J>L GCW 22 7W>L
28 PRIV 16 8P 8D 3L ARIZ 22 7W2J>L AZRA 21 6P9D CANY 15 3P5D>L HATC 28 7W>L	29 AZRA 14 8D HATC 20 7W>L OUTD 4 5P9L TOUR 26 6W3J>L	30 PRIV 16 6P 10D 3L ARIZ 20 6W2J>L EXPD 1 4P11D WEST 27 7W3J>L WILD 25 7W>L				

Phantom Ranch Dates for June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 PRIV 8 7P 9D 1L	22 CANY 13 6P9D	23 PRIV 8 7P 6D 3L CANY 29 3P5D>L	24 PRIV 16 6P 10D 3L CAEX 14 7P9D	25 PRIV 6 5P 11D 1L PRIV 8 7P 9D 3L AZRA 13 6P9D	26	27
28 PRIV 16 8P 8D 3L OUTD 11 6P8L HATC 12 4P4W>L	29 PRIV 16 7P 8D 2L WILD 1 4P5W>L	30 CANY 15 3P5D>L				

Whitmore Exchanges for June 2020

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

Diamond Creek Dates for June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 CANY 13 7D>L
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 CANY 29 3P5D>L HATC 23 7W>D
28	29 PRIV 8 7P 6D 3L	30 PRIV 8 7P 9D 1L CANY 13 6P9D				

Pearce Ferry Dates for June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 HATC 28 7W>L	22 TOUR 21 6W3J>L ARIZ 18 6W>L	23 WEST 22 6W3J>L	24 WEST 24 7W3J>L AZRA 12 8L GCW 19 7W>L	25 GCEX 14 8J>L GCEX 11 8J>L WEST 28 6W3J>L HATC 24 7W>L	26 AZRA 24 8L GCEX 12 8J>L	27 COLO 9 8L GCEX 17 8J>L GCW 21 7W>L ARIZ 22 6W2J>L CANY 29 3P5D>L
28 ARIZ 22 6W2J>L HATC 20 7W>L	29 GCEX 14 14J>L ARIZ 22 7W2J>L	30 ARIZ 22 7W2J>L ARIZ 18 8J>L WEST 26 6W3J>L WEST 28 6W3J>L				