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PLEASE REVIEW THIS INFORMATION BEFORE READING THE CALENDARS

Four separate river trip launch calendars are available:

- 1) Lees Ferry launch calendar
- 2) Phantom Ranch exchange calendar
- 3) Whitmore exchange calendar
- 4) Diamond Creek takeout calendar

These calendars list the tentative launch schedules for all commercial, non-commercial, research, and National Park Service work trips. Patrol trips are not included. The calendars are posted to the park website 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 launch 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 reflects the trip's planned schedule. Whitmore and Diamond Creek schedules include prefixes detailing the type of activity as well. Some examples are provided. All trips launch from Lees Ferry.

Abbreviations

Type of Trip/Company Names

PRIV = Private Trip	RSH = Research Trip	GRCA = NPS trip
GCMRC = GCMRC Research Trip	TRAN = Commercial Training Trip	ADMN = Administrative Trip Other
AZRA = Arizona Raft Adventures	ARIZ = Arizona River Runners	CAEX = Canyon Explorations
COLO = CO River and Trail Expeditions	CANY = Canyoneers	DIAM = Diamond River Adventures
EXPD = Canyon Expeditions	HATC = Hatch River Expeditions	HIGH = AZRA/Discovery
GRCE = Grand Canyon Expeditions	MOKI = Moki Mac River Expeditions	OARS = O.A.R.S.
OUTD = Outdoors Unlimited	TOUR = Tour West	WEST = Western River Expeditions
WRAD = Wilderness River Adventures		

Location

P = Phantom Ranch	W = Whitmore Helipad	D = Diamond Creek
J = Jet boat	L = Lake Mead	> = "Deadhead" (equipment/crew only)

Takeout/Exchange Prefixes

X = Passenger Exchange	P = Passengers Out	T = Takeout (entire trip)	E = Equipment Out
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Examples

PRIV 15 9P 12D 3L	A planned maximum of 15 participants, 9 days to Phantom Creek, 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.
AZRA 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 Noncommercial River Trip Regulations.

Phantom Ranch Exchange Calendar

This calendar includes only those commercial trips that have scheduled a passenger exchange at Phantom Ranch and all non-commercial (PRIV) trips whether they are exchanging or not. Non-commercial trips are allowed to modify their exchange schedule up to and including the day of launch, and some noncommercial trips will decide to exchange passengers at Phantom Ranch.

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 that 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, RM 187. Beginning in 2007, helicopter flights will be restricted to the hours before 10 AM. The Whitmore schedule is included to assist those who wish to minimize their exposure to over flight noise or congestion. The “X” in front of the trip’s abbreviation signifies a passenger exchange; the “P” means that passengers will be flown out and only equipment will continue to the takeout.

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. Letters in front of the trip abbreviation have the following meanings: “T” means the entire trip is taking out, “P” means the passengers are taking out; “E” means that the equipment and crew only will be taking out.

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.

Lees Ferry Launches October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 PRIV 11 8P 13D PRIV 16 9P 9D	2 PRIV 11 10P 11D ARIZ 18 17W>D
3 GRCA 16 18D PRIV 14 7P 14D PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L	4 GRCA 16 16D PRIV 15 9P 12D 2L EXPD 18 9P10D	5 PRIV 10 9P 12D 3L PRIV 16 9P 12D	6 PRIV 7 7P 9D AZRA 18 7P10D	7 PRIV 12 8P 13D PRIV 8 8P 9D	8 PRIV 16 9P 12D WRAD 16 16D	9 PRIV 4 6P 15D 2L PRIV 14 9P 12D
10 PRIV 7 6P 11D MOKI 18 6P9D	11 PRIV 16 7P 12D PRIV 16 10P 9D 2L	12 PRIV 14 5P 9D AZRA 18 7P10D	13 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 6 9P 12D 2L	14 GCMRC 16 16P 18L PRIV 14 6P 11D CAEX 18 16D	15 PRIV 16 11P 10D PRIV 16 9P 12D	16 PRIV 16 6P 10D 2L OARS 16 6P11D
17 GRCA 16 14D PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 8P 13D 2L	18 PRIV 16 8P 11D HIGH 18 7P10D	19 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 6 7P 6D 1L	20 PRIV 16 8P 13D OARS 16 7P12D	21 PRIV 16 11P 10D PRIV 16 9P 12D	22 PRIV 14 9P 10D OARS 10 7P12D	23 PRIV 15 8P 13D PRIV 16 9P 12D
24 PRIV 16 8P 13D CAEX 18 7P10D	25 PRIV 8 8P 13D 3L PRIV 14 10P 11D	26 PRIV 15 5P 14D	27 PRIV 16 9P 11D 7L PRIV 16 6P 15D	28 PRIV 15 8P 11D 2L	29 GRCA 16 19D PRIV 2 9P 12D 4L PRIV 16 7P 11D	30 PRIV 14 8P 12D
31 PRIV 16 8P 9D 5L PRIV 11 8P 13D 3L						

Phantom Ranch Exchanges October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 PRIV 15 7P 13D MOKI 16 6P9J>L	2 PRIV 16 8P 11D 2L PRIV 16 7P 11D AZRA 18 7P10D DIAM 16 6P8D
3 PRIV 16 7P 7D 2L EXPD 17 9P9D	4 MOKI 18 6P9J>L	5 PRIV 16 9P 12D	6 PRIV 16 9P 12D AZRA 18 7P10D	7 PRIV 16 9P 9D	8 PRIV 11 8P 13D PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 16 9P 12D	9 PRIV 14 7P 14D PRIV 16 9P 9D
10 PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L	11 PRIV 11 10P 11D	12 PRIV 15 9P 12D 2L PRIV 7 7P 9D AZRA 18 7P10D EXPD 18 9P10D	13 PRIV 10 9P 12D 3L PRIV 16 9P 12D	14 PRIV 12 8P 13D PRIV 8 8P 9D PRIV 4 6P 15D 2L	15 PRIV 7 6P 11D MOKI 18 6P9D	16 PRIV 14 5P 9D PRIV 16 9P 12D
17 PRIV 16 7P 12D PRIV 14 9P 12D	18 AZRA 18 7P10D	19 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 14 6P 11D	20 PRIV 16 10P 9D 2L	21 PRIV 6 9P 12D 2L PRIV 16 6P 10D 2L OARS 16 6P11D	22	23 PRIV 16 9P 12D
24 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 8P 13D 2L HIGH 18 7P10D	25 PRIV 16 8P 11D PRIV 16 11P 10D PRIV 6 7P 6D 1L	26 OARS 16 7P12D	27 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 8P 13D	28 OARS 10 7P12D	29 GCMRC 16 16P 18L PRIV 16 9P 12D	30 PRIV 14 9P 10D PRIV 15 8P 13D PRIV 15 5P 14D CAEX 18 7P10D
31 PRIV 16 11P 10D PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 9P 12D						

Whitmore Exchanges October 2010

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 P ARIZ 18 17W>D	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Diamond Creek Takeouts October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 PRIV 16 6P 11D PRIV 16 5P 13D T AZRA 18 7P9D T COLO 16 12D T WRAD 16 14D	2 PRIV 14 8P 10D 2L
3 PRIV 12 9P 7D	4 PRIV 15 7P 11D T OARS 10 7P9D	5	6 PRIV 16 6P 12D PRIV 16 8P 13D T CAEX 10 8P11D T OARS 16 6P10D	7	8 T AZRA 15 7P10D	9 PRIV 12 9P 12D PRIV 16 9P 9D T CAEX 10 8P11D T DIAM 16 6P8D T HIGH 18 7P10D
10 PRIV 16 7P 7D 2L PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 4 8P 13D 3L	11 PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L PRIV 16 9P 12D T AZRA 18 7P10D T EXPD 17 9P9D T TOUR 10 18D	12	13 PRIV 16 8P 11D 2L PRIV 16 7P 11D T CAEX 10 16D	14 PRIV 15 7P 13D PRIV 4 7P 14D	15 T AZRA 18 7P10D T TOUR 10 18D	16 PRIV 16 9P 9D
17 PRIV 16 9P 12D	18 PRIV 16 9P 9D PRIV 16 9P 12D E ARIZ 18 17W>D	19 GRCA 16 16D PRIV 16 10P 11D	20 GRCA 16 18D PRIV 16 9P 12D	21 PRIV 11 8P 13D PRIV 7 7P 9D T AZRA 18 7P10D T EXPD 18 9P10D	22 PRIV 11 10P 11D	23 PRIV 14 7P 14D PRIV 8 8P 9D PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L T MOKI 18 6P9D T WRAD 16 16D
24 PRIV 15 9P 12D 2L	25 PRIV 14 5P 9D PRIV 10 9P 12D 3L PRIV 16 9P 12D	26 PRIV 7 6P 11D	27 PRIV 12 8P 13D T AZRA 18 7P10D	28 PRIV 16 9P 12D	29 PRIV 16 7P 12D PRIV 16 10P 9D 2L PRIV 4 6P 15D 2L PRIV 14 9P 12D T CAEX 18 16D	30 GRCA 16 14D PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 14 6P 11D
31 PRIV 16 6P 10D 2L PRIV 6 7P 6D 1L T OARS 16 6P11D						