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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 October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 PRIV 16 9P 12D	2 PRIV 16 9P 12D 2L PRIV 16 9P 12D EXPD 16 7P9D	3 PRIV 16 7P 8D 1L	4 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L ARIZ 0 15D	5 PRIV 11 8P 13D 2L
6 PRIV 15 9P 12D 3L PRIV 9 10P 11D GCDY 19 7P10D	7 PRIV 16 7P 11D 3L	8 PRIV 15 7P 14D 2L PRIV 16 10P 11D 2L CAEX 0 15D	9 PRIV 14 8P 13D 5L	10 PRIV 16 9P 12D 2L PRIV 16 9P 12D 2L AZRA 17 16D R	11 PRIV 16 6P 13D	12 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 4P 10D OARS 15 16D
13 PRIV 15 7P 11D	14 PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L PRIV 15 13P 8D GCDY 21 7P10D	15 PRIV 11 7P 12D 2L	16 PRIV 16 7P 9D 2L PRIV 16 7P 14D OARS 16 17D	17 PRIV 16 8P 12D	18 PRIV 16 8P 12D 3L PRIV 16 9P 12D CAEX 0 15D	19 PRIV 16 10P 11D
20 PRIV 12 9P 12D PRIV 13 5P 9D WILD 0 15D	21 PRIV 13 5P 8D	22 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 14 6P 8D AZRA 0 15D	23 PRIV 16 8P 12D 1L	24 PRIV 13 10P 8D PRIV 14 9P 12D	25 PRIV 16 7P 10D 4L	26 PRIV 13 8P 12D 1L PRIV 16 11P 10D
27 PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L	28 PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 16 9P 12D	29 PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L	30 PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 16 7P 12D PRIV 16 8P 13D	31 PRIV 10 7P 12D 3L		

Phantom Ranch Exchanges for October 2019

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

Diamond Creek Takeouts for October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 6P 8D PRIV 16 6P 12D 2L ARIZ 23 8P10W>D AZRA 19 14D	2 PRIV 16 8P 10D 2L OARS 16 6P10D	3 PRIV 16 7P 11D CAEX 17 7P9D RAFT 0 14D	4 PRIV 16 7P 9D GCDY 19 15D	5 PRIV 14 6P 10D PRIV 12 6P 12D WILD 22 6P9D
6 PRIV 16 6P 15D CAEX 19 15D	7 PRIV 11 7P 14D	8 TOUR 10 18D>L OARS 15 6P11D	9 PRIV 16 6P 13D 2L PRIV 16 9P 12D	10 PRIV 16 5P 13D PRIV 16 8P 13D	11 TOUR 17 18D	12 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 9P 10D 1L PRIV 16 9P 12D 1L CAEX 0 18D GCDY 18 7P10D GCW 20 6P8D
13 PRIV 16 7P 9D AZRA 20 18D TOUR 0 18D AZRA 21 7P10D EXPD 16 16D	14 PRIV 16 10P 11D 3L RAFT 17 7P10D	15 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 7 9P 11D 1L OARS 16 6P11D	16 PRIV 16 8P 12D 2L PRIV 8 9P 12D PRIV 14 8P 11D EXPD 16 7P9D	17 PRIV 16 7P 8D 1L	18 ARIZ 0 15D	19
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27 OARS 15 16D	28 PRIV 15 7P 14D 2L PRIV 16 10P 11D 2L	29 PRIV 14 8P 13D 5L PRIV 16 6P 13D GCDY 21 7P10D	30 PRIV 16 9P 12D 2L PRIV 15 7P 11D PRIV 16 9P 12D 2L	31 PRIV 16 7P 9D 2L		

Pearce Ferry Takeouts for October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 PRIV 16 8P 10D 2L PRIV 16 9P 9D 3L TOUR 16 18W>L OUTD 0 15L	2 PRIV 16 7P 11D 2L	3 PRIV 16 6P 12D 2L	4 PRIV 16 8P 10D 2L	5
6	7	8	9 TOUR 10 18D>L COLO 0 16L	10	11 PRIV 16 6P 13D 2L	12
13 PRIV 16 9P 10D 1L PRIV 16 9P 12D 1L	14	15	16 PRIV 7 9P 11D 1L	17 PRIV 16 10P 11D 3L	18 PRIV 16 8P 12D 2L PRIV 16 7P 8D 1L	19
20	21	22	23 PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L	24 PRIV 16 9P 12D 2L	25	26
27 PRIV 16 7P 11D 3L PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L PRIV 11 8P 13D 2L	28	29 PRIV 15 9P 12D 3L	30 PRIV 15 7P 14D 2L PRIV 16 10P 11D 2L	31		