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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 2020

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

Phantom Ranch Dates for October 2020

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

Whitmore Exchanges for October 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	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Diamond Creek Dates for October 2020

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

Pearce Ferry Dates for October 2020

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