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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	AZRA = Arizona Raft Adventures
ARIZ = Arizona River Runners	CAEX = Canyon Explorations	COLO = Colorado 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 9P12D3L	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 6W3J>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 September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 PRIV 16 6P 10D PRIV 15 6P 6D ARIZ 20 6W2J>L EXPD 15 7P8D WEST 18 6W3J>L WEST 18 7W3J>L	2 PRIV 12 8P 10D 2L AZRA 18 6P9D CANY 20 7J>L WEST 18 7W3J>L WRAD 18 6P7W>D	3 PRIV 15 5P 7D 2L PRIV 2 7P 11D DIAM 20 7W>D GRCE 20 8J>L HATC 13 7W>L OARS 16 6P10D	4 PRIV 16 8P 8D CAEX 14 7P9D GRCE 20 8J>L WRAD 20 7W>D	5 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 9P 9D ARIZ 20 6W2J>L COLO 18 5P7W>D DIAM 20 4P5D GRCE 20 8J>L
6 PRIV 16 7P 9D ARIZ 20 7W2J>L AZRA 18 15D CANY 20 7J>L OARS 11 5P10D	7 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 7P 10D 2L ARIZ 20 7W2J>L HATC 14 8W>L OUTD 9 7P9D TOUR 14 6W3J>L	8 PRIV 14 9P 9D TOUR 14 13W>D WEST 18 7W3J>L WRAD 20 7W>D	9 PRIV 16 6P 12D PRIV 16 9P 9D CAEX 18 16D CANY 20 7J>L WEST 18 7W3J>L WEST 19 7W3J>L	10 PRIV 15 6P 9D DIAM 18 11W>D GRCE 20 8J>L HATC 13 10W>L OARS 12 6P8W3D	11 PRIV 16 6P 12D 4L PRIV 16 6P 10D GRCE 20 8J>L TOUR 16 18D WEST 17 7W3J>L WRAD 20 4P5W>D	12 PRIV 16 8P 10D ARIZ 16 8P10W>D AZRA 20 10D GRCE 20 8J>L
13 PRIV 4 6P 12D PRIV 16 8P 10D CANY 20 10J>L HIGH 15 10D MOKI 12 8L OARS 16 5P10D	14 PRIV 16 9P 9D ARIZ 20 7W2J>L AZRA 18 6P9D HATC 21 8W>L OUTD 18 15W>D	15 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 9P 9D GRCE 16 16J>L HATC 9 7W>L TOUR 15 6W3J>L WRAD 20 4P5W>D	16 PRIV 16 8P 13D HATC 4 6P7W>D MOKI 12 6P9D	17 PRIV 16 8P 9D 4L PRIV 16 6P 10D HIGH 18 7P9D	18 PRIV 16 9P 9D TOUR 16 13W>D WRAD 16 14D	19 PRIV 14 8P 13D PRIV 16 7P 14D EXPD 17 7P9D
20 COLO 16 5P8D>L OARS 10 6P10D	21 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 9P 12D OUTD 14 7P9D	22 PRIV 16 9P 9D CAEX 18 8P9D OARS 16 7P9D	23 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 9P 10D AZRA 15 7P10D	24 PRIV 13 7P 10D HIGH 18 7P9D	25 PRIV 16 7P 14D PRIV 16 9P 10D	26 PRIV 16 7P 14D AZRA 18 7P10D MOKI 13 6P9D
27 PRIV 12 7P 10D PRIV 16 9P 12D DIAM 16 6P8D	28 PRIV 16 5P 13D CAEX 18 8P9D	29 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 11 9P 12D	30 PRIV 16 10P 11D AZRA 18 7P10D OARS 12 7P10D			

Phantom Ranch Exchanges September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 PRIV 8 5P 11D DIAM 28 4P5D	2 PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 16 9P 7D HATC 12 6P7W>D	3 PRIV 16 9P 7D	4 PRIV 10 7P 8D OARS 16 5P9D	5 PRIV 13 7P 9D PRIV 16 9P 7D
6 PRIV 10 7P 9D 4L PRIV 16 6P 10D PRIV 15 6P 6D	7 PRIV 15 5P 7D 2L AZRA 18 6P9D EXPD 15 7P8D WRAD 18 6P7W>D	8 DIAM 20 4P5D OARS 16 6P10D	9 PRIV 2 7P 11D PRIV 12 8P 10D 2L COLO 18 5P7W>D	10 CAEX 14 7P9D OARS 11 5P10D	11 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 8P 8D	12 PRIV 16 7P 9D
13 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 7P 10D 2L PRIV 16 9P 9D OUTD 9 7P9D	14 PRIV 16 6P 12D WRAD 20 4P5W>D	15 PRIV 15 6P 9D OARS 12 6P8W3D	16 PRIV 14 9P 9D PRIV 16 6P 12D 4L PRIV 16 6P 10D	17 PRIV 16 9P 9D OARS 16 5P10D	18 PRIV 4 6P 12D WRAD 20 4P5W>D	19 PRIV 16 8P 10D ARIZ 16 8P10W>D AZRA 18 6P9D
20 PRIV 16 8P 10D	21 PRIV 16 7P 11D HATC 4 6P7W>D MOKI 12 6P9D	22 PRIV 16 6P 10D PRIV 16 9P 9D	23 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 9P 9D HIGH 18 7P9D	24 PRIV 16 8P 9D 4L COLO 16 5P8D>L	25 PRIV 16 7P 14D EXPD 17 7P9D OARS 10 6P10D	26 PRIV 16 9P 9D PRIV 14 8P 13D
27 OUTD 14 7P9D	28 PRIV 16 8P 10D OARS 16 7P9D	29 PRIV 16 9P 12D AZRA 15 7P10D CAEX 18 8P9D	30 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 13 7P 10D PRIV 16 9P 9D HIGH 18 7P9D			

Whitmore Exchanges September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 P WRAD 28 7W>D	2 P HATC 1 7W>L	3 X ARIZ 28 7W2J>L X WEST 27 6W3J>L	4 X WEST 28 6W3J>L	5 X ARIZ 28 7W2J>L
6 X ARIZ 20 6W2J>L X WEST 18 6W3J>L P HATC 15 7W>L	7 X WEST 18 7W3J>L	8 X WEST 18 7W3J>L P HATC 12 6P7W>D	9 P DIAM 20 7W>D P HATC 13 7W>L	10 X ARIZ 20 6W2J>L P WRAD 20 7W>D	11	12 X ARIZ 20 7W2J>L X TOUR 14 6W3J>L
13 X ARIZ 20 7W2J>L P WRAD 18 6P7W>D	14 X WEST 18 7W3J>L P HATC 14 8W>L P WRAD 20 7W>D	15 X WEST 18 7W3J>L X WEST 19 7W3J>L P COLO 18 5P7W>D	16	17 X WEST 17 7W3J>L	18 P WRAD 20 4P5W>D	19 P HATC 13 10W>L
20 X ARIZ 20 7W2J>L X TOUR 15 6W3J>L P DIAM 18 11W>D P TOUR 14 13W>D	21 P HATC 21 8W>L P HATC 9 7W>L	22 X OARS 12 6P8W3D P WRAD 20 4P5W>D	23	24	25	26
27 P HATC 4 6P7W>D	28 P ARIZ 16 8P10W>D P OUTD 18 15W>D	29	30 P TOUR 16 13W>D			

Diamond Creek Takeouts September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 PRIV 15 6P 10D E WRAD 28 7W>D	2 PRIV 10 7P 9D PRIV 6 8P 8D 4L T AZRA 20 6P9D	3 PRIV 16 7P 9D T AZRA 20 6P8D	4 PRIV 16 6P 10D PRIV 8 6P 10D	5 PRIV 8 6P 10D 2L T CAEX 16 7P8D T DIAM 28 4P5D
6 PRIV 7 8P 8D PRIV 8 6P 10D T AZRA 15 10D T MOKI 20 12D	7 PRIV 15 6P 10D PRIV 16 6P 9D	8 PRIV 8 7P 9D 4L T AZRA 20 10D T OARS 16 6P10D E HATC 12 6P7W>D	9 PRIV 16 9P 7D E DIAM 20 7W>D	10 PRIV 5 5P 11D PRIV 16 9P 7D E WRAD 20 7W>D	11 PRIV 16 7P 9D T MOKI 13 14D	12 PRIV 10 7P 8D PRIV 15 6P 6D PRIV 8 5P 11D PRIV 16 9P 7D T DIAM 20 4P5D T OARS 16 5P9D
13 T HIGH 20 2P14D E WRAD 18 6P7W>D	14 PRIV 13 7P 9D PRIV 15 5P 7D 2L T EXPD 15 7P8D E WRAD 20 7W>D	15 PRIV 10 7P 9D 4L T AZRA 18 6P9D	16 PRIV 16 6P 10D E COLO 18 5P7W>D	17 T OARS 16 6P10D	18 T CAEX 14 7P9D E WRAD 20 4P5W>D	19 PRIV 12 8P 10D 2L PRIV 16 8P 8D T OARS 11 5P10D
20 PRIV 2 7P 11D T AZRA 18 15D E DIAM 18 11W>D E TOUR 14 13W>D	21 PRIV 16 7P 9D T AZRA 20 10D T OUTD 9 7P9D	22 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 9P 9D T HIGH 15 10D E WRAD 20 4P5W>D	23 PRIV 16 7P 10D 2L	24 PRIV 15 6P 9D PRIV 16 7P 11D T CAEX 18 16D T OARS 12 6P8W3D	25 PRIV 14 9P 9D	26 PRIV 16 6P 12D PRIV 16 6P 10D PRIV 16 9P 9D T OARS 16 5P10D
27 T AZRA 18 6P9D E HATC 4 6P7W>D	28 PRIV 16 6P 12D 4L T TOUR 16 18D E ARIZ 16 8P10W>D E OUTD 18 15W>D	29 PRIV 16 8P 10D T MOKI 12 6P9D	30 PRIV 4 6P 12D PRIV 16 8P 10D E TOUR 16 13W>D			