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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 September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 PRIV 14 8P 10D 2L PRIV 13 7P 9D AZRA 18 6P9D CANY 20 7L WEST 18 7W3J>L WRAD 18 6P7W>D	2 GCMRC 16 16P 18L PRIV 16 9P 9D 3L DIAM 20 7W>D GRCE 20 8J>L HATC 15 8W>L OARS 16 6P10D	3 PRIV 16 6P 12D PRIV 16 7P 10D 2L CAEX 18 16D GRCE 20 8J>L WRAD 20 7W>D	4 GRCA 16 19D GRCA 16 16D RSH 16 4P 14L PRIV 16 6P 12D ARIZ 20 6W2J>L COLO 15 5P7W>D DIAM 20 4P5D
5 PRIV 16 6P 6D 4L PRIV 16 7P 11D ARIZ 20 7W2J>L AZRA 18 15D CANY 20 7L OARS 11 5P10D	6 PRIV 16 8P 10D ARIZ 20 7W2J>L HATC 20 8W>L OUTD 10 7P9J>L TOUR 14 6W3J>L	7 PRIV 16 6P 9D PRIV 16 5P 11D TOUR 14 13W>D WEST 18 7W3J>L WRAD 20 7W>D	8 GRCA 16 8D PRIV 3 8P 10D CAEX 12 16D CANY 20 7L WEST 18 7W3J>L WEST 18 7W3J>L	9 PRIV 13 7P 9D 2L PRIV 16 7P 10D DIAM 18 11W>D GRCE 20 8J>L HATC 15 10W>L OARS 12 6P10D	10 PRIV 9 3P 6D 1L GRCE 20 8J>L TOUR 15 13W>D WEST 18 7W3J>L WRAD 20 4P5W>D	11 GCMRC 16 7P 17L PRIV 16 6P 12D 2L PRIV 16 9P 9D ARIZ 16 8P10W>D AZRA 20 12D GRCE 20 8J>L
12 PRIV 16 6P 12D ARIZ 20 6W2J>L CANY 20 10L HIGH 15 12D OARS 16 5P10D	13 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 6P 11D 1L ARIZ 20 8D>L HATC 20 8W>L HIGH 18 6P9D OUTD 10 7P9J>L	14 PRIV 16 5P 13D GRCE 16 16J>L HATC 15 7W>L TOUR 15 6W3J>L WRAD 20 4P5W>D	15 GCMRC 16 11P 18L PRIV 16 6P 11D PRIV 14 8P 10D 2L EXPD 18 7P9D WEST 18 6W3J>L WEST 18 7W3J>L	16 PRIV 16 9P 9D HATC 16 12D MOKI 10 6P9J>L	17 PRIV 11 7P 11D PRIV 4 8P 8D AZRA 18 7P9D	18 PRIV 12 9P 7D TOUR 16 13W>D WRAD 16 14D
19 PRIV 12 9P 12D PRIV 16 6P 12D CAEX 10 8P11D	20 PRIV 4 8P 13D 3L COLO 16 12D OARS 10 7P9D	21 PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L PRIV 16 9P 12D OUTD 10 7P9J>L	22 PRIV 16 9P 9D CAEX 10 8P11D OARS 16 6P10D	23 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 7P 11D AZRA 15 7P10D	24 PRIV 16 9P 12D HIGH 18 7P10D TOUR 10 18D	25 PRIV 15 7P 13D PRIV 16 8P 11D 2L EXPD 17 9P9D
26 PRIV 14 7P 11D AZRA 18 7P10D MOKI 16 6P9J>L	27 PRIV 16 7P 11D DIAM 16 6P8D	28 PRIV 16 9P 12D CAEX 10 16D TOUR 10 18D	29 PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 16 9P 9D MOKI 18 6P9J>L	30 PRIV 16 9P 12D AZRA 18 7P10D		

Phantom Ranch Exchanges September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 PRIV 16 7P 9D 2L PRIV 2 7P 9D PRIV 16 6P 9D PRIV 16 5P 11D 2L HATC 20 6P7W>D	2 PRIV 10 5P 9D 1L MOKI 18 6P9J>L	3 PRIV 8 7P 9D OARS 16 5P9D	4 PRIV 16 6P 10D HIGH 20 7P9D
5 PRIV 8 7P 9D AZRA 20 6P9D	6 AZRA 18 6P9D WRAD 18 6P7W>D	7 PRIV 14 8P 8D PRIV 13 7P 9D DIAM 20 4P5D OARS 16 6P10D	8 PRIV 16 6P 12D PRIV 14 8P 10D 2L COLO 15 5P7W>D	9 PRIV 16 7P 10D 2L PRIV 16 6P 12D OARS 11 5P10D	10 PRIV 16 9P 9D 3L PRIV 16 6P 6D 4L	11 PRIV 16 5P 11D PRIV 16 7P 11D
12 PRIV 9 3P 6D 1L PRIV 16 6P 9D OUTD 10 7P9J>L	13 PRIV 16 8P 10D WRAD 20 4P5W>D	14 OARS 12 6P10D	15 PRIV 13 7P 9D 2L PRIV 3 8P 10D PRIV 16 7P 10D	16 PRIV 16 6P 12D 2L OARS 16 5P10D	17 GCMRC 16 16P 18L GCMRC 16 7P 17L PRIV 16 6P 12D WRAD 20 4P5W>D	18 RSH 16 4P 14L PRIV 16 6P 11D 1L PRIV 16 5P 13D ARIZ 16 8P10W>D HIGH 18 6P9D
19 PRIV 16 9P 9D OUTD 10 7P9J>L	20 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 6P 11D	21 EXPD 18 7P9D MOKI 10 6P9J>L	22 PRIV 14 8P 10D 2L	23 PRIV 11 7P 11D AZRA 18 7P9D	24 PRIV 16 6P 12D PRIV 16 9P 9D PRIV 4 8P 8D	25 GCMRC 16 11P 18L
26 PRIV 12 9P 7D CAEX 10 8P11D OARS 10 7P9D	27 PRIV 12 9P 12D PRIV 4 8P 13D 3L OARS 16 6P10D OUTD 10 7P9J>L	28 PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L	29 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 7P 11D AZRA 15 7P10D CAEX 10 8P11D	30 PRIV 16 9P 9D HIGH 18 7P10D		

Whitmore Exchanges September 2010

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

Diamond Creek Takeouts September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 PRIV 16 7P 9D 0L PRIV 16 8P 6D 2L T AZRA 20 6P9D	2 GCMRC 16 22D PRIV 8 6P 10D 3L PRIV 16 9P 7D 3L T AZRA 20 6P8D	3 GCMRC 16 15D PRIV 8 6P 9D	4 PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 16 7P 7D 2L T DIAM 28 4P5D
5 PRIV 16 9P 7D T AZRA 15 10D T CAEX 18 7P9D	6 T MOKI 20 13D	7 PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 9 6P 8D 2L T OARS 16 6P10D E HATC 20 6P7W>D	8 PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 8 7P 9D 2L E DIAM 20 7W>D	9 T AZRA 12 10D E WRAD 20 7W>D	10 PRIV 16 7P 9D 2L PRIV 2 7P 9D PRIV 16 6P 9D	11 PRIV 10 5P 9D 1L T DIAM 20 4P5D T OARS 16 5P9D
12 PRIV 16 5P 11D 2L PRIV 8 7P 9D T HIGH 20 7P9D E WRAD 18 6P7W>D	13 T AZRA 20 6P9D E WRAD 20 7W>D	14 PRIV 8 7P 9D PRIV 16 6P 10D T AZRA 18 6P9D	15 GRCA 16 8D PRIV 14 8P 8D E COLO 15 5P7W>D	16 PRIV 16 6P 6D 4L PRIV 13 7P 9D T OARS 16 6P10D	17 E WRAD 20 4P5W>D	18 PRIV 9 3P 6D 1L PRIV 14 8P 10D 2L T CAEX 18 16D T OARS 11 5P10D
19 GRCA 16 16D PRIV 16 9P 9D 3L PRIV 16 7P 10D 2L T AZRA 18 15D E DIAM 18 11W>D E TOUR 14 13W>D	20 PRIV 16 6P 12D P ARIZ 20 8D>L	21 PRIV 16 6P 9D PRIV 16 6P 12D E WRAD 20 4P5W>D	22 GRCA 16 19D PRIV 16 5P 11D PRIV 16 7P 11D T AZRA 20 12D E TOUR 15 13W>D	23 PRIV 16 8P 10D T CAEX 12 16D T HIGH 15 12D T OARS 12 6P10D	24 PRIV 13 7P 9D 2L	25 PRIV 3 8P 10D PRIV 16 7P 10D T OARS 16 5P10D
26 T HIGH 18 6P9D	27 T HATC 16 12D E ARIZ 16 8P10W>D	28 PRIV 16 6P 12D 2L PRIV 16 9P 9D	29 PRIV 16 6P 12D PRIV 16 6P 11D 1L T EXPD 18 7P9D	30 PRIV 16 8P 10D E TOUR 16 13W>D		