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PLEASE REVIEW THIS INFORMATION BEFORE READING THE CALENDARS

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 September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 PRIV 14 9P 9D AZRA 24 12D GCEX 28 8J>L OARS 16 11W5J>L
2 PRIV 13 6P 12D PRIV 11 9P 9D 2L ARIZ 26 7W2J>L CANY 20 7L GCEX 20 16J>L HATC 27 7W>L	3 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L HATC 14 7W>L OUTD 21 7P9L TOUR 16 6W3J>L	4 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 7P 11D 3L CAEX 19 7P9D WEST 28 6W3J>L WEST 28 7W3J>L WILD 20 4P5W>L	5 PRIV 16 7P 11D AZRA 21 7P8D CANY 20 7L WEST 28 7W3J>L WILD 16 6P7W>D	6 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 12P 6D 3L GCEX 28 8J>L GCW 20 8W>D HATC 26 7W>L OARS 16 6P11J>L	7 PRIV 16 9P 9D 3L CAEX 20 16D GCEX 28 8J>L WILD 20 7W>L	8 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 7P 11D ARIZ 26 6W2J>L COLO 15 GCEX 28 8J>L GCW 20 8D
9 PRIV 16 8P 10D ARIZ 28 7W2J>L AZRA 20 6P9D CANY 20 7L OARS 16 6P10J>L	10 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 8P 10D ARIZ 28 7W2J>L AZRA 12 10D OUTD 21 7P9L TOUR 10 6W3J>L	11 PRIV 16 7P 11D TOUR 20 15J>L WEST 28 7W3J>L WILD 20 7W>L	12 PRIV 16 4P 6D 1L PRIV 13 8P 10D 3L CANY 20 7L EXPD 19 7P9D WEST 26 7W3J>L WEST 18 7W3J>L	13 PRIV 9 8P 10D ARIZ 20 17W>D GCEX 28 8J>L HATC 14 9W>L OARS 16 6P11J>L	14 PRIV 12 7P 11D PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L GCEX 28 8J>L TOUR 16 18D>L TOUR 0 18D>L WEST 28 7W3J>L WILD 20 4P5W>L	15 PRIV 16 8P 10D AZRA 24 10D GCEX 28 8J>L GCW 16 6P11D
16 PRIV 16 9P 10D 2L PRIV 16 9P 10D 1L HATC 14 6P7W>D RAFT 18 15D	17 PRIV 16 12P 9D OUTD 0 15L	18 PRIV 13 9P 9D PRIV 8 10P 11D AZRA 20 6P9D OARS 16 6P10D	19 CAEX 0 18D	20 PRIV 11 8P 10D 3L PRIV 16 6P 13D GCDY 19 15D RAFT 0 15D	21 PRIV 16 7P 12D TOUR 16 18D	22 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 1 -2P 2D CAEX 19 7P9D WILD 16 14D
23 PRIV 16 9P 10D OARS 16 6P11D	24 PRIV 16 8P 12D PRIV 16 9P 12D 2L TOUR 0 18D	25 PRIV 15 6P 12D CAEX 0 18D	26 PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 11 11P 10D AZRA 18 7P9D TOUR 0 18D	27 PRIV 16 10P 11D 3L GCDY 21 16D	28 PRIV 10 8P 13D PRIV 16 8P 8D AZRA 0 16D CAEX 18 16D	29 PRIV 16 7P 14D RAFT 0 14D
30 PRIV 7 7P 11D PRIV 16 9P 12D GCW 16 6P9D OARS 16 6P11D						

Phantom Ranch Exchanges September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 PRIV 10 6P 10D 2L
2 PRIV 16 6P 10D OARS 16	3 PRIV 8 8P 8D 2L	4 PRIV 16 7P 9D CANY 22 6P9L	5 HATC 14 6P7W>D	6 PRIV 6 9P 7D 2L PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L PRIV 16 8P 8D	7 PRIV 13 6P 12D WILD 20 4P5W>L	8
9 PRIV 14 9P 9D OUTD 21 7P9L	10 PRIV 16 7P 11D 3L PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L PRIV 11 9P 9D 2L CAEX 19 7P9D WILD 16 6P7W>D	11 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 7P 11D AZRA 21 7P8D OARS 16 6P11J>L	12 COLO 15	13 PRIV 16 8P 10D	14 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 7P 11D AZRA 20 6P9D OARS 16 6P10J>L	15 PRIV 16 9P 9D 3L PRIV 16 4P 6D 1L
16 PRIV 16 8P 10D OUTD 21 7P9L	17 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 12P 6D 3L WILD 20 4P5W>L	18 EXPD 19 7P9D OARS 16 6P11J>L	19 PRIV 13 8P 10D 3L	20 PRIV 12 7P 11D PRIV 9 8P 10D GCW 16 6P11D	21 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L HATC 14 6P7W>D	22 PRIV 16 8P 10D
23 AZRA 20 6P9D OARS 16 6P10D	24 PRIV 16 9P 10D 2L PRIV 16 9P 10D 1L	25 PRIV 16 6P 13D	26 PRIV 13 9P 9D	27 PRIV 16 7P 12D PRIV 8 10P 11D PRIV 11 8P 10D 3L	28 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 12P 9D CAEX 19 7P9D OARS 16 6P11D	29
30 PRIV 15 6P 12D						

Whitmore Exchanges September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 ARIZ 24 7W2J>L HATC 10 7W>L
2 ARIZ 19 6W2J>L WEST 18 6W3J>L WEST 23 6W3J>L	3 HATC 27 8W>L WEST 25 6W3J>L WEST 18 6W3J>L	4 WILD 28 7W>L	5 HATC 14 7W>L	6	7	8 ARIZ 26 7W2J>L HATC 27 7W>L TOUR 16 6W3J>L
9 OARS 16 HATC 14 7W>L WEST 28 6W3J>L	10 WEST 28 7W3J>L	11 HATC 14 6P7W>D OARS 16 11W5J>L WILD 20 4P5W>L WEST 28 7W3J>L	12 HATC 26 7W>L	13 GCW 20 8W>D WILD 20 7W>L ARIZ 26 6W2J>L	14	15 ARIZ 28 7W2J>L TOUR 10 6W3J>L
16 WILD 16 6P7W>D ARIZ 28 7W2J>L	17 WEST 28 7W3J>L WILD 20 7W>L	18 COLO 15 WEST 26 7W3J>L WEST 18 7W3J>L	19	20 WEST 28 7W3J>L	21 HATC 14 9W>L WILD 20 4P5W>L	22
23	24	25	26	27 HATC 14 6P7W>D	28	29 ARIZ 20 17W>D
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Diamond Creek Takeouts September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 PRIV 8 7P 9D PRIV 2 4P 8D 2L
2 PRIV 16 6P 10D 1L PRIV 16 7P 7D	3 PRIV 8 6P 10D PRIV 16 8P 8D ARIZ 0 16D CAEX 0 14D GCW 0 13D GCW 28 8D	4	5 AZRA 22 14D	6 PRIV 16 6P 10D	7 PRIV 8 8P 8D PRIV 14 6P 10D 3L	8 PRIV 16 7P 9D AZRA 0 15D
9 PRIV 8 6P 10D 2L PRIV 16 6P 10D CAEX 0 15D GCDY 12 10D	10 PRIV 16 6P 10D	11 PRIV 8 8P 8D 2L PRIV 10 6P 10D 2L AZRA 20 14D HATC 14 6P7W>D	12 PRIV 16 6P 10D AZRA 24 12D	13 PRIV 6 9P 7D 2L PRIV 16 7P 9D GCW 20 8W>D	14 PRIV 16 8P 8D AZRA 22 14D	15 PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L GCW 20 8D
16	17 WILD 16 6P7W>D	18 PRIV 14 9P 9D CAEX 19 7P9D AZRA 21 7P8D	19 PRIV 13 6P 12D PRIV 11 9P 9D 2L AZRA 12 10D	20 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L	21 PRIV 16 4P 6D 1L PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 7P 11D 3L	22 PRIV 16 7P 11D CAEX 20 16D AZRA 20 6P9D
23 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 12P 6D 3L	24 PRIV 16 9P 9D 3L AZRA 24 10D	25 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 7P 11D	26 PRIV 16 8P 10D EXPD 19 7P9D	27 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 8P 10D HATC 14 6P7W>D	28 PRIV 16 7P 11D	29 PRIV 13 8P 10D 3L
30 PRIV 9 8P 10D ARIZ 20 17W>D GCW 16 6P11D RAFT 18 15D						

Pearce Ferry Takeouts September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 PRIV 16 4P 7D 1L PRIV 16 6P 10D 1L OUTD 21 5P9L WILD 28 4P5W>L ARIZ 17 7W2J>L GCEX 28 8J>L CANY 11 3P5L HATC 10 7W>L
2 PRIV 4 7P 9D 3L ARIZ 17 7W2J>L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L	3 PRIV 2 4P 8D 2L PRIV 16 6P 10D 1L COLO 9 7W4L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L HATC 27 8W>L TOUR 0 8J>L ARIZ 19 6W2J>L	4 ARIZ 19 6W2J>L WEST 18 6W3J>L WEST 23 6W3J>L	5 WEST 25 6W3J>L WEST 18 6W3J>L WILD 28 7W>L HATC 14 7W>L	6 GCEX 14 8J>L GCEX 14 8J>L	7 ARIZ 28 8J>L GCEX 28 8J>L	8 OARS 16 6P11J>L OUTD 0 13L ARIZ 28 8J>L GCEX 28 8J>L CANY 20 7L HATC 27 7W>L
9 ARIZ 26 7W2J>L HATC 14 7W>L	10 PRIV 14 6P 10D 3L ARIZ 26 7W2J>L TOUR 16 6W3J>L	11 PRIV 8 6P 10D 2L WEST 28 6W3J>L CANY 20 7L	12 OARS 16 CANY 22 6P9L WEST 28 7W3J>L WILD 20 4P5W>L HATC 26 7W>L	13 PRIV 8 8P 8D 2L PRIV 10 6P 10D 2L WEST 28 7W3J>L GCEX 28 8J>L	14 GCEX 28 8J>L WILD 20 7W>L ARIZ 26 6W2J>L	15 PRIV 6 9P 7D 2L OARS 16 11W5J>L ARIZ 26 6W2J>L GCEX 28 8J>L CANY 20 7L
16 ARIZ 28 7W2J>L	17 GCEX 20 16J>L OUTD 21 7P9L ARIZ 28 7W2J>L ARIZ 28 7W2J>L TOUR 10 6W3J>L	18 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L ARIZ 28 7W2J>L WILD 20 7W>L CANY 20 7L	19 WEST 28 7W3J>L	20 COLO 15 WEST 26 7W3J>L WEST 18 7W3J>L GCEX 28 8J>L	21 PRIV 11 9P 9D 2L OARS 16 6P11J>L COLO 15 HATC 14 9W>L GCEX 28 8J>L	22 PRIV 16 4P 6D 1L WEST 28 7W3J>L WILD 20 4P5W>L GCEX 28 8J>L
23 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L OARS 16 6P10J>L	24 PRIV 16 7P 11D 3L OUTD 21 7P9L	25 TOUR 20 15J>L	26 PRIV 16 12P 6D 3L TOUR 20 15J>L	27 PRIV 16 9P 9D 3L	28 OARS 16 6P11J>L	29
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