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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 September 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 PRIV 12 7P 10D 1L ARIZ 26 7W2J>L AZRA 18 6P9D CANY 20 7L HATC 28 7W>L	2 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 10 8P 10D HATC 27 7W>L OUTD 20 7P9L TOUR 28 6W3J>L	3 PRIV 6 8P 10D CAEX 11 7P9D WEST 27 6W3J>L WEST 25 7W3J>L WILD 20 4P5W>L	4 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L AZRA 18 7P9D CANY 20 7L WEST 27 7W3J>L WILD 20 6P7W>D	5 PRIV 16 7P 11D GCEX 28 8J>L GCW 20 8W>L HATC 29 7W>L OARS 16 6P11L	6 PRIV 16 8P 10D 2L PRIV 11 9P 9D CAEX 18 16D GCEX 28 8J>L WILD 20 7W>L	7 PRIV 12 7P 11D ARIZ 27 6W2J>L COLO 16 GCEX 28 8J>L GCW 20 7W>L
8 PRIV 15 7P 9D PRIV 6 6P 12D ARIZ 23 7W2J>L AZRA 18 15D CANY 20 7L OARS 16 6P10L	9 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L ARIZ 25 7W2J>L HATC 28 7W>L OUTD 19 7P9W>D TOUR 27 6W3J>L	10 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 15 7P 11D TOUR 18 15J>L WEST 28 7W3J>L WILD 20 7W>L	11 PRIV 16 9P 9D 3L CANY 20 7J>L EXPD 20 7P9D WEST 28 7W3J>L WEST 27 7W3J>L	12 PRIV 16 8P 10D 2L PRIV 16 7P 11D 2L GCEX 28 8J>L TOUR 16 18W>L GCEX 20 16J>L HATC 15 10W>L OARS 16 6P11L	13 PRIV 16 7P 11D 2L GCEX 28 8J>L TOUR 16 18W>L WEST 26 7W3J>L WILD 20 4P5W>L	14 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 6P 12D 2L ARIZ 23 8P10W>D AZRA 19 12D GCEX 28 8J>L
15 PRIV 16 8P 10D ARIZ 23 7W2J>L AZRA 18 15D CANY 20 7L OARS 16 6P10L	16 PRIV 16 6P 15D PRIV 16 7P 11D ARIZ 25 7W2J>L HATC 28 7W>L OUTD 19 7P9W>D TOUR 27 6W3J>L	17 PRIV 11 7P 14D TOUR 18 15J>L WEST 28 7W3J>L WILD 20 7W>L	18 PRIV 16 6P 8D PRIV 12 6P 12D CANY 20 7J>L EXPD 20 7P9D WEST 28 7W3J>L WEST 27 7W3J>L	19 PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 16 9P 12D GCEX 28 8J>L GCEX 20 16J>L HATC 15 10W>L OARS 16 6P11L	20 PRIV 14 6P 10D PRIV 16 8P 13D GCEX 28 8J>L TOUR 16 18W>L WEST 26 7W3J>L WILD 20 4P5W>L	21 PRIV 16 6P 13D 2L ARIZ 23 8P10W>D AZRA 19 12D GCEX 28 8J>L
22 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 9P 12D 1L CAEX 20 15D WILD 24 14D	23 PRIV 16 5P 13D OARS 16 6P11D	24 PRIV 16 9P 10D 1L PRIV 16 10P 11D 3L COLO 0 16L TOUR 17 18D	25 PRIV 16 9P 12D CAEX 1 18D	26 PRIV 10 9P 12D PRIV 4 8P 9D AZRA 18 7P12D TOUR 0 18D	27 PRIV 16 8P 12D 2L GCDY 18 7P10D	28 PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 11 7P 11D 2L AZRA 18 7P10D EXPD 16 16D
29 PRIV 8 7P 10D 3L RAFT 18 6P11D	30 PRIV 14 7P 14D PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L GCW 21 6P8D OARS 16 6P11D					

Phantom Ranch Exchanges September 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 OARS 16 6P8W4L	2 PRIV 8 5P 0D PRIV 8 7P 9D PRIV 12 7P 9D 3L RAFT 20 6P9D	3 PRIV 16 6P 10D PRIV 11 7P 9D CANY 15 6P9D GCW 28 4P5D>L	4 PRIV 8 6P 3D HATC 23 6P7W>D	5 PRIV 8 6P 8D RAFT 20 6P9D	6 PRIV 8 7P 9D PRIV 16 7P 9D AZRA 18 6P9D WILD 20 4P5W>L	7 PRIV 12 7P 10D 1L
8 OUTD 20 7P9L	9 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 10 8P 10D CAEX 11 7P9D WILD 20 6P7W>D	10 PRIV 6 8P 10D AZRA 18 7P9D OARS 16 6P11L	11 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L COLO 16	12	13 PRIV 6 6P 12D PRIV 12 7P 11D PRIV 16 8P 10D 2L OARS 16 6P10L	14 PRIV 15 7P 9D PRIV 11 9P 9D
15 OUTD 19 7P9W>D	16 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 15 7P 11D WILD 20 4P5W>L	17 EXPD 20 7P9D OARS 16 6P11L	18 PRIV 16 7P 11D 2L	19 PRIV 16 6P 12D 2L PRIV 16 7P 11D 2L PRIV 16 8P 10D 2L PRIV 16 9P 9D 3L	20	21 PRIV 16 6P 15D PRIV 16 8P 10D ARIZ 23 8P10W>D AZRA 18 6P9D
22 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 7P 11D	23 PRIV 11 7P 14D PRIV 16 6P 8D PRIV 12 6P 12D OARS 16 6P10D	24 AZRA 18 7P10D	25 PRIV 14 6P 10D PRIV 16 7P 9D CAEX 17 7P9D RAFT 18 6P9D	26 PRIV 16 6P 13D 2L	27 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 5P 13D PRIV 16 8P 13D	28 OARS 16 6P11D
29 PRIV 16 8P 13D	30 PRIV 16 9P 12D 1L					

Whitmore Exchanges September 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ARIZ 26 6W2J>L WEST 18 6W3J>L WEST 28 6W3J>L	2 HATC 15 8W>L WEST 26 6W3J>L WEST 18 6W3J>L WILD 28 6W>L	3	4 OARS 16 6P8W4L HATC 14 7W>L	5 WEST 25 6W3J>L	6	7 ARIZ 26 7W2J>L HATC 28 7W>L TOUR 28 6W3J>L
8 OARS 16 6P8W4L HATC 27 7W>L WEST 27 6W3J>L	9 WEST 25 7W3J>L	10 HATC 23 6P7W>D WILD 20 4P5W>L WEST 27 7W3J>L	11 HATC 29 7W>L	12 GCW 20 8W>L WILD 20 7W>L ARIZ 27 6W2J>L	13 GCW 20 7W>L	14 ARIZ 23 7W2J>L TOUR 27 6W3J>L
15 WILD 20 6P7W>D ARIZ 25 7W2J>L HATC 28 7W>L	16 WEST 28 7W3J>L WILD 20 7W>L	17 COLO 16 WEST 28 7W3J>L WEST 27 7W3J>L	18	19 WEST 26 7W3J>L	20 WILD 20 4P5W>L	21 HATC 15 10W>L ARIZ 28 7W2J>L
22	23 OUTD 19 7P9W>D	24	25 OARS 16 11W5L	26	27 HATC 0 12W>L	28
29	30 TOUR 16 18W>L ARIZ 23 8P10W>D					

Diamond Creek Takeouts September 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 PRIV 16 7P 9D 1L PRIV 16 5P 5D 2L	2 PRIV 8 5P 0D PRIV 16 7P 9D ARIZ 0 16D GCW 28 4P5D	3 PRIV 8 7P 9D 1L PRIV 6 4P 5D 1L PRIV 16 7P 9D CAEX 0 15D GCW 0 14D	4 PRIV 16 7P 9D AZRA 21 14D	5 PRIV 8 7P 9D 3L PRIV 16 6P 9D PRIV 16 6P 10D 3L	6 AZRA 0 14D	7 PRIV 8 5P 11D 1L PRIV 8 6P 3D GCW 28 4P5D>L
8 PRIV 16 7P 9D CAEX 0 15D	9 PRIV 2 6P 10D PRIV 16 7P 9D	10 RAFT 20 6P9D AZRA 25 12D HATC 23 6P7W>D	11 PRIV 8 7P 9D PRIV 12 7P 9D 3L CANY 15 6P9D	12 PRIV 11 7P 9D	13 PRIV 8 6P 8D PRIV 16 6P 10D RAFT 20 6P9D	14 AZRA 18 6P9D
15 PRIV 8 7P 9D PRIV 16 7P 9D WILD 20 6P7W>D	16	17 PRIV 12 7P 10D 1L CAEX 11 7P9D	18 AZRA 18 7P9D	19 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 10 8P 10D	20 PRIV 6 8P 10D	21 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L CAEX 18 16D
22 PRIV 16 7P 11D AZRA 18 15D GCW 26 8D>L	23 PRIV 11 9P 9D PRIV 15 7P 9D PRIV 16 8P 10D 2L	24 PRIV 12 7P 11D OUTD 19 7P9W>D	25 PRIV 6 6P 12D EXPD 20 7P9D AZRA 19 12D	26 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L GCDY 19 12D	27 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 15 7P 11D	28 PRIV 16 9P 9D 3L
29 PRIV 16 8P 10D 2L PRIV 16 7P 11D 2L AZRA 18 6P9D	30 PRIV 16 7P 11D 2L					

Pearce Ferry Takeouts September 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 PRIV 8 6P 8D 2L PRIV 16 6P 10D 3L ARIZ 19 7W>L	2 PRIV 16 7P 9D 1L HATC 15 8W>L TOUR 11 6W3J>L ARIZ 26 6W2J>L	3 PRIV 16 5P 5D 2L ARIZ 26 6W2J>L WEST 18 6W3J>L WEST 28 6W3J>L WILD 28 6W>L	4 PRIV 8 7P 9D 1L PRIV 6 4P 5D 1L WEST 26 6W3J>L WEST 18 6W3J>L HATC 14 7W>L	5 GCEX 14 8J>L GCEX 14 8J>L	6 ARIZ 28 8J>L GCEX 28 8J>L	7 OARS 16 6P8W4L OUTD 20 13L ARIZ 28 8J>L GCEX 28 8J>L GCW 28 4P5D>L WEST 25 6W3J>L CANY 20 7L HATC 28 7W>L
8 PRIV 8 5P 11D 1L PRIV 8 7P 9D 3L PRIV 16 6P 10D 3L	9 ARIZ 26 7W2J>L TOUR 28 6W3J>L	10 WEST 27 6W3J>L CANY 20 7L	11 OARS 16 6P8W4L WEST 25 7W3J>L WILD 20 4P5W>L HATC 29 7W>L	12 WEST 27 7W3J>L GCEX 28 8J>L	13 GCW 20 8W>L GCEX 28 8J>L WILD 20 7W>L ARIZ 27 6W2J>L	14 PRIV 12 7P 9D 3L ARIZ 27 6W2J>L GCEX 28 8J>L GCW 20 7W>L CANY 20 7L
15 ARIZ 26 7W2J>L HATC 27 7W>L ARIZ 23 7W2J>L HATC 28 7W>L	16 OUTD 20 7P9L ARIZ 23 7W2J>L ARIZ 25 7W2J>L TOUR 27 6W3J>L	17 ARIZ 25 7W2J>L WILD 20 7W>L CANY 20 7J>L	18 PRIV 12 7P 10D 1L WEST 28 7W3J>L	19 COLO 16 WEST 28 7W3J>L WEST 27 7W3J>L GCEX 28 8J>L	20 OARS 16 6P11L COLO 16 GCEX 28 8J>L	21 HATC 15 10W>L WEST 26 7W3J>L WILD 20 4P5W>L GCEX 28 8J>L
22 OARS 16 6P10L ARIZ 28 7W2J>L	23 ARIZ 28 7W2J>L GCW 26 8D>L	24 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L TOUR 18 15J>L	25 PRIV 16 8P 10D 2L TOUR 18 15J>L	26	27 GCEX 20 16J>L OARS 16 6P11L HATC 0 12W>L	28
29 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L OARS 16 11W5L	30					