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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 September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 ADMN 8D 2L PRIV 15 9P 9D 3L CAEX 18 7P9D WEST 32 6W3J>L WEST 32 7W3J>L WILD 28 4P5W>L	2 ADMN 13D 3L PRIV 1 4P 3D 1L AZRA 21 7P9D CANY 20 7D>L WEST 32 7W3J>L WILD 20 6P7W>D	3 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L PRIV 16 6P 12D 3L GCEX 28 8J>L GCW 20 8D>L OARS 16 6P11L	4 PRIV 16 6P 10D 1L CAEX 20 16D GCEX 28 8J>L WILD 20 7W>L	5 ARIZ 24 6W2J>L COLO 28 GCEX 28 8J>L GCW 20 7W>L
6 ARIZ 24 7W2J>L AZRA 21 15D CANY 10 7D>L OARS 16 5P7W5L	7 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L PRIV 16 8P 10D 2L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L HATC 22 7W>L OUTD 11 7P9L TOUR 5 6W3J>L	8 ADMN 15L PRIV 9 6P 9D 3L TOUR 14 15J>L WEST 24 7W3J>L WILD 20 7W>L	9 PRIV 12 6P 12D 3L CANY 30 7D>L EXPD 14 16D WEST 27 7W3J>L WEST 18 7W3J>L	10 PRIV 16 -2P 2D GCEX 28 8J>L GCEX 20 16D HATC 26 7W>L OARS 16 6P11L	11 PRIV 15 8P 10D 2L GCEX 28 8J>L TOUR 22 7P9W>L WEST 29 7W3J>L WILD 1 4P5W>L	12 ADMN 15L PRIV 13 7P 11D 3L ARIZ 22 6P8D AZRA 21 10D GCEX 28 8J>L
13 PRIV 16 7P 11D 3L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L CANY 20 7D>L OARS 16 6P10L	14 ADMN 13D PRIV 16 -2P 2D ARIZ 24 7W2J>L AZRA 21 6P9D	15 ADMN 14L PRIV 11 9P 9D 2L PRIV 16 5P 13D 2L GCW 20 8D>L HATC 16 7W>L OUTD 11 7P9L TOUR 14 8W>L	16 PRIV 15 7P 8D 1L HATC 15 6P7L RAFT 18 6P9D	17 PRIV 14 7P 14D 3L PRIV 12 6P 10D OUTD 18 7P9L	18 PRIV 14 8P 10D 3L AZRA 18 15D OARS 16 6P10D	19 PRIV 16 10P 11D 3L CAEX 18 16D
20 PRIV 8 9P 10D 2L GCDY 18 16D RAFT 18 6P9D	21 PRIV 16 7P 14D 3L	22 PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L CAEX 18 16D WILD 16 6P9D	23 PRIV 16 11P 10D 2L OARS 16 7P10D	24 PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L COLO 16	25 PRIV 16 7P 14D 3L PRIV 16 9P 9D 3L EXPD 17 16D	26 PRIV 8 -2P 2D AZRA 18 16D
27 PRIV 16 9P 10D 2L GCDY 18 16D	28 PRIV 15 -2P 2D AZRA 18 16D EXPD 18 16D	29 PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L RAFT 18 7P10D	30 ADMN 14D 2L PRIV 16 15P 6D 3L GCW 20 15D OARS 16 6P11D			

Phantom Ranch Dates for September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 PRIV 8 9P 7D 3L CANY 19 6P9D GCW 28 4P5D>L	2 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L HATC 11 6P7W>D	3 PRIV 16 7P 9D	4 WILD 28 4P5W>L	5 PRIV 1 4P 3D 1L PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L
6 PRIV 8 8P 6D 3L	7 CAEX 18 7P9D WILD 20 6P7W>D	8 PRIV 16 6P 12D 3L AZRA 21 7P9D OARS 16 6P11L	9 PRIV 15 9P 9D 3L PRIV 16 6P 10D 1L COLO 28	10 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L OARS 16 5P7W5L	11	12
13 PRIV 9 6P 9D 3L OUTD 11 7P9L	14 PRIV 12 6P 12D 3L PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L PRIV 16 8P 10D 2L WILD 1 4P5W>L	15 OARS 16 6P11L	16	17 TOUR 22 7P9W>L ARIZ 22 6P8D	18 PRIV 15 8P 10D 2L PRIV 13 7P 11D 3L OARS 16 6P10L	19 PRIV 16 5P 13D 2L PRIV 16 7P 11D 3L AZRA 21 6P9D
20	21 OUTD 11 7P9L HATC 15 6P7L RAFT 18 6P9D	22 PRIV 12 6P 10D PRIV 15 7P 8D 1L	23 PRIV 14 7P 14D 3L PRIV 11 9P 9D 2L OUTD 18 7P9L OARS 16 6P10D	24	25 PRIV 14 8P 10D 3L RAFT 18 6P9D	26
27 PRIV 16 7P 14D 3L WILD 16 6P9D	28 PRIV 8 9P 10D 2L PRIV 16 10P 11D 3L COLO 16	29 OARS 16 7P10D	30 PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L			

Whitmore Exchanges for September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 OARS 16 6P7W5L WILD 24 7W>L	2 HATC 16 7W>L	3 ARIZ 24 7W2J>L WEST 22 6W3J>L	4 WEST 32 6W3J>L	5 OARS 16 6P7W5L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L
6 HATC 12 7W>L WEST 32 6W3J>L	7 WEST 32 7W3J>L	8 HATC 11 6P7W>D WILD 28 4P5W>L WEST 32 7W3J>L	9	10 WILD 20 7W>L ARIZ 24 6W2J>L	11 GCW 20 7W>L	12 ARIZ 24 7W2J>L TOUR 5 6W3J>L
13 WILD 20 6P7W>D ARIZ 24 7W2J>L HATC 22 7W>L	14 WEST 24 7W3J>L WILD 20 7W>L	15 COLO 28 WEST 27 7W3J>L WEST 18 7W3J>L	16 OARS 16 5P7W5L HATC 26 7W>L	17 WEST 29 7W3J>L	18 WILD 1 4P5W>L	19 ARIZ 24 7W2J>L
20 ARIZ 24 7W2J>L	21 HATC 16 7W>L	22 TOUR 14 8W>L	23	24	25 TOUR 22 7P9W>L	26
27	28	29	30			

Diamond Creek Dates for September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 PRIV 12 8P 8D 1L	2 AZRA 18 6P9D	3	4	5 GCW 28 4P5D>L
6 PRIV 4 6P 10D 3L PRIV 16 7P 9D 2L RAFT 24 8D	7	8 ADMN 8P 8D 2L PRIV 8 9P 7D 3L PRIV 1 4P 3D 1L HATC 11 6P7W>D CANY 20 7D>L	9 ADMN 14P 14D 2L CANY 19 6P9D	10 GCW 20 8D>L	11 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L RAFT 19 14D	12 PRIV 8 8P 6D 3L PRIV 16 7P 9D CANY 10 7D>L
13 AZRA 13 14D	14 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L WILD 20 6P7W>D	15 ADMN 15P 13D 3L CAEX 18 7P9D CANY 30 7D>L	16 AZRA 21 7P9D	17	18 PRIV 15 9P 9D 3L	19 PRIV 16 6P 10D 1L CAEX 20 16D CANY 20 7D>L
20 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L PRIV 16 6P 12D 3L AZRA 21 15D	21 AZRA 21 10D	22 PRIV 9 6P 9D 3L GCW 20 8D>L	23	24 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L PRIV 16 8P 10D 2L EXPD 14 16D ARIZ 22 6P8D	25 GCEX 20 16D	26 PRIV 12 6P 12D 3L
27 ADMN 15P 13D AZRA 21 6P9D	28 PRIV 15 8P 10D 2L	29 PRIV 13 7P 11D 3L RAFT 18 6P9D	30 PRIV 15 7P 8D 1L PRIV 16 7P 11D 3L			

Pearce Ferry Dates for September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L PRIV 16 3P 3D 2L PRIV 16 4P 5D 1L GCW 22 8D>L ARIZ 24 6W3J>L WEST 17 6W3J>L WEST 32 6W3J>L	2 PRIV 12 8P 8D 1L ARIZ 24 6W3J>L WEST 25 6W3J>L WEST 18 6W3J>L WILD 24 7W>L HATC 16 7W>L	3 PRIV 16 6P 10D 3L GCEX 14 8J>L	4 ARIZ 24 7W2J>L	5 OARS 16 6P7W5L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L GCEX 11 8J>L GCW 28 4P5D>L WEST 22 6W3J>L
6 ARIZ 24 7W2J>L WEST 32 6W3J>L HATC 12 7W>L	7 OUTD 13 15L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L GCEX 14 8J>L	8 PRIV 16 7P 9D 2L WEST 32 6W3J>L CANY 20 7D>L	9 PRIV 4 6P 10D 3L PRIV 1 4P 3D 1L OARS 16 6P7W5L WEST 32 7W3J>L WILD 28 4P5W>L	10 ADMN 8D 2L WEST 32 7W3J>L GCEX 28 8J>L GCW 20 8D>L	11 ADMN 14D 2L PRIV 8 9P 7D 3L GCEX 28 8J>L WILD 20 7W>L ARIZ 24 6W2J>L	12 ARIZ 24 6W2J>L GCEX 28 8J>L GCW 20 7W>L CANY 10 7D>L
13 ARIZ 24 7W2J>L HATC 22 7W>L	14 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L TOUR 5 6W3J>L	15 ADMN 17L PRIV 8 8P 6D 3L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L WILD 20 7W>L CANY 30 7D>L	16 WEST 24 7W3J>L HATC 26 7W>L	17 PRIV 16 7P 9D 3L COLO 28 WEST 27 7W3J>L WEST 18 7W3J>L GCEX 28 8J>L	18 ADMN 13D 3L OARS 16 6P11L COLO 28 GCEX 28 8J>L	19 WEST 29 7W3J>L WILD 1 4P5W>L GCEX 28 8J>L CANY 20 7D>L
20 PRIV 16 6P 10D 1L OARS 16 5P7W5L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L	21 PRIV 15 9P 9D 3L OUTD 11 7P9L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L HATC 16 7W>L	22 TOUR 14 15J>L ARIZ 24 7W2J>L GCW 20 8D>L	23 ADMN 15L PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L PRIV 16 6P 12D 3L TOUR 14 15J>L TOUR 14 8W>L	24	25 PRIV 9 6P 9D 3L OARS 16 6P11L	26 PRIV 16 8P 10D 2L TOUR 22 7P9W>L
27 ADMN 15L PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L OARS 16 6P10L HATC 15 6P7L	28	29 ADMN 14L PRIV 12 6P 12D 3L OUTD 11 7P9L	30 PRIV 15 8P 10D 2L			