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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](http://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 April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
				PRIV 16 6P 8D ADMN 32P 15D WEST 15 7W2J>L	PRIV 8 7P 14D 1L PRIV 16 6P 10D ADMN 16P 9D TOUR 17 18D>D	PRIV 16 8P 11D 2L ADMN 15P 11D 2L ARIZ 28 5P6D>L AZRA 22 16D>D
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
PRIV 8 8P 13D 4L PRIV 16 8P 13D ADMN 16P 8D ADMN 9P 4D 4L COLO 24 7W1J>L OARS 16 6P8W4L>L	PRIV 11 9P 12D ADMN 6P 11D 4L GCW 28 5P6D>L WEST 17 7W2J>L CAEX 16 18D>D	PRIV 8 7P 13D 3L PRIV 16 6P 11D ARIZ 28 11D>D GCEX 10 16J>L	PRIV 16 9P 12D GCW 20 11D>L WEST 27 7W2J>L OARS 16 17L>L	PRIV 8 7P 14D 2L PRIV 10 10P 9D 2L ARIZ 24 7P8D>D	PRIV 16 7P 10D 4L ARIZ 28 11D>L COLO 26 9L>L	PRIV 6 7P 8D PRIV 16 9P 12D 4L ADMN 10P 9D 2L WILD 1 4P4W>L AZRA 24 7P9D>D
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
PRIV 16 8P 13D HATC 29 6P6W>L	PRIV 8 9P 10D 1L PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L HATC 22 6P6W>L	PRIV 16 11P 10D ADMN 10P 8D 2L GCEX 14 9J>L GCW 26 5P6D>L CAEX 13 18D>D	PRIV 6 9P 12D PRIV 10 8P 13D 1L GCDY 24 10D>D	PRIV 16 7P 14D 2L ADMN 6P 11D 2L HATC 1 5P5W>L WEST 23 7W2J>L OARS 16 7P11L>L	PRIV 8 9P 12D PRIV 16 5P 7D 1L WILD 24 4P4W>L RAFT 22 6P8D>D	PRIV 16 8P 13D GCEX 13 9J>L EXPD 19 7P9D>D
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
PRIV 8 11P 10D 3L PRIV 14 7P 12D CANY 25 10D>D OARS 16 6P9W2L>L	PRIV 16 8P 11D 3L COLO 26 11L>L GCDY 21 6P8D>D	PRIV 8 8P 13D 3L PRIV 16 9P 10D 2L RAFT 14 8D>D	PRIV 16 10P 11D 2L WEST 24 7W2J>L TOUR 20 16W>L	PRIV 8 10P 11D 4L GCEX 15 8J>L AZRA 19 6P8D>D	PRIV 16 9P 12D ADMN 19P 20D ARIZ 27 9W>L WILD 18 6P6W>D	PRIV 8 8P 10D PRIV 16 7P 12D CANY 24 4P4D>D CAEX 20 16D>D
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	
PRIV 16 7P 14D HATC 29 7W>L OARS 16 6P10L>L	PRIV 8 10P 11D 2L PRIV 16 8P 10D GCDY 12 10D>D	PRIV 14 10P 11D 3L TOUR 12 6W4J>L GCEX 17 16J>L	PRIV 8 9P 12D 5L PRIV 16 9P 12D 4L ADMN 15P 12D 2L WEST 26 7W2J>L AZRA 21 14D>D	PRIV 16 11P 10D 2L WEST 25 7W2J>L GCW 22 7P8D>D	PRIV 8 9P 8D PRIV 16 9P 12D 1L GCDY 12 8D>D GCEX 18 16J>L	

# Phantom Ranch Dates for April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> PRIV 16 9P 10D 3L PRIV 12 8P 12D 2L	<b>2</b> PRIV 12 8P 13D 2L PRIV 16 11P 10D	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> PRIV 8 9P 12D 2L PRIV 11 8P 12D 1L	<b>5</b> PRIV 8 8P 13D 3L PRIV 13 8P 13D PRIV 16 10P 11D 3L PRIV 16 9P 12D 2L	<b>6</b> PRIV 16 6P 8D PRIV 16 11P 10D 3L PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L	<b>7</b> PRIV 8 8P 13D PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 6P 10D PRIV 16 8P 12D 1L PRIV 16 8P 11D 2L ARIZ 28 5P6D>L	<b>8</b> PRIV 8 7P 14D 1L PRIV 12 10P 11D 4L	<b>9</b> GCW 28 5P6D>L OARS 16 6P8W4L>L R	<b>10</b> PRIV 16 8P 11D 2L
<b>11</b> PRIV 8 8P 13D 4L PRIV 16 6P 11D PRIV 16 8P 13D	<b>12</b> PRIV 8 7P 13D 3L	<b>13</b> PRIV 11 9P 12D WILD 1 4P4W>L	<b>14</b> PRIV 8 7P 14D 2L ARIZ 24 7P8D>D	<b>15</b> PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 7P 10D 4L	<b>16</b> PRIV 6 7P 8D HATC 29 6P6W>L AZRA 24 7P9D>D	<b>17</b> PRIV 10 10P 9D 2L GCW 26 5P6D>L HATC 22 6P6W>L
<b>18</b> PRIV 16 9P 12D 4L PRIV 16 8P 13D	<b>19</b> HATC 1 5P5W>L WILD 24 4P4W>L	<b>20</b> PRIV 8 9P 10D 1L PRIV 16 5P 7D 1L PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L	<b>21</b> PRIV 10 8P 13D 1L PRIV 16 7P 14D 2L OARS 16 7P11L>L RAFT 22 6P8D>D	<b>22</b> PRIV 6 9P 12D	<b>23</b> PRIV 16 11P 10D EXPD 19 7P9D>D OARS 16 6P9W2L>L	<b>24</b> PRIV 8 9P 12D PRIV 14 7P 12D PRIV 16 8P 13D GCDY 21 6P8D>D
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> PRIV 16 8P 11D 3L	<b>27</b> PRIV 8 8P 13D 3L CANY 24 4P4D>D AZRA 19 6P8D>D	<b>28</b> PRIV 8 11P 10D 3L PRIV 16 9P 10D 2L WILD 18 6P6W>D	<b>29</b> PRIV 16 8P 13D 2L	<b>30</b> PRIV 16 10P 11D 2L PRIV 16 7P 12D OARS 16 6P10L>L	

# Whitmore Exchanges for April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> WEST 15 7W2J>L	<b>8</b> WEST 0 7W2J>L	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> COLO 24 7W1J>L
<b>11</b> WEST 17 7W2J>L	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> WEST 27 7W2J>L	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> TOUR 0 6W2J>L	<b>17</b> WILD 1 4P4W>L OARS 16 6P8W4L>L
<b>18</b> WEST 0 7W2J>L	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> WEST 23 7W2J>L	<b>22</b> HATC 29 6P6W>L	<b>23</b> WILD 24 4P4W>L HATC 22 6P6W>L HATC 0 12W>D	<b>24</b> HATC 1 5P5W>L
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> WEST 24 7W2J>L	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

# Diamond Creek Dates for April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> PRIV 8 8P 10D 2L PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 16 8P 13D 2L PRIV 15 8P 11D 1L	<b>2</b> PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 16 8P 13D 4L PRIV 16 10P 11D	<b>3</b> PRIV 16 7P 9D 2L PRIV 14 11P 10D 3L
<b>4</b> PRIV 13 6P 8D 1L	<b>5</b> PRIV 8 7P 9D PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 8P 13D	<b>6</b> PRIV 8 8P 13D PRIV 6 8P 11D 2L PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 7P 11D 4L PRIV 12 8P 13D 3L	<b>7</b> PRIV 16 7P 10D 2L	<b>8</b> PRIV 8 5P 10D 1L PRIV 14 8P 13D ADMN 9P 4D 4L WEST 15 7W2J>L	<b>9</b> PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L PRIV 16 10P 10D 1L	<b>10</b> PRIV 10 8P 13D COLO 24 7W1J>L
<b>11</b> PRIV 16 9P 10D 3L ADMN 16P 9D WEST 17 7W2J>L	<b>12</b> PRIV 16 11P 10D PRIV 12 6P 12D 3L ADMN 16P 8D	<b>13</b> PRIV 12 8P 12D 2L PRIV 16 8P 13D ARIZ 28 5P6D>L	<b>14</b> PRIV 16 6P 8D PRIV 13 7P 14D 3L ADMN 15P 11D 2L WEST 27 7W2J>L	<b>15</b> PRIV 12 8P 13D 2L GCW 28 5P6D>L	<b>16</b> PRIV 8 9P 12D 2L PRIV 11 8P 12D 1L PRIV 16 10P 11D 3L PRIV 16 11P 10D 3L ADMN 6P 11D 4L ADMN 32P 15D ARIZ 28 11D>D COLO 26 9L>L	<b>17</b> PRIV 16 6P 10D PRIV 16 9P 12D 2L GCW 20 11D>L WILD 1 4P4W>L
<b>18</b> PRIV 8 8P 13D 3L PRIV 13 8P 13D PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L PRIV 16 8P 11D 2L AZRA 22 16D>D	<b>19</b> PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 12 10P 11D 4L PRIV 16 8P 12D 1L ADMN 10P 9D 2L ARIZ 28 11D>L OARS 16 6P8W4L>L TOUR 17 18D>D	<b>20</b> PRIV 8 8P 13D GCEX 14 9J>L GCEX 10 16J>L	<b>21</b> PRIV 16 8P 11D 2L ADMN 10P 8D 2L OARS 16 17L>L	<b>22</b> PRIV 8 7P 14D 1L PRIV 16 6P 11D HATC 29 6P6W>L WEST 23 7W2J>L ARIZ 24 7P8D>D CAEX 16 18D>D	<b>23</b> GCDY 24 10D>D GCW 26 5P6D>L WILD 24 4P4W>L HATC 22 6P6W>L	<b>24</b> PRIV 8 8P 13D 4L PRIV 6 7P 8D PRIV 16 8P 13D GCEX 13 9J>L HATC 1 5P5W>L
<b>25</b> PRIV 8 7P 13D 3L PRIV 16 7P 10D 4L PRIV 11 9P 12D AZRA 24 7P9D>D	<b>26</b> PRIV 10 10P 9D 2L ADMN 6P 11D 2L	<b>27</b> PRIV 16 5P 7D 1L PRIV 16 9P 12D CANY 25 10D>D RAFT 14 8D>D	<b>28</b> PRIV 8 7P 14D 2L COLO 26 11L>L WEST 24 7W2J>L	<b>29</b> GCEX 15 8J>L RAFT 22 6P8D>D	<b>30</b> PRIV 8 9P 10D 1L PRIV 16 9P 12D 4L CAEX 13 18D>D OARS 16 7P11L>L	

# Pearce Ferry Dates for April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> PRIV 15 8P 11D 1L	<b>3</b> PRIV 8 8P 10D 2L PRIV 16 8P 13D 2L PRIV 15 12P 9D 3L
<b>4</b> PRIV 14 8P 13D 4L	<b>5</b> PRIV 8 11P 10D 5L PRIV 16 7P 9D 2L PRIV 13 6P 8D 1L	<b>6</b> PRIV 14 11P 10D 3L PRIV 16 8P 13D 4L	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> PRIV 6 8P 11D 2L	<b>9</b> PRIV 8 5P 10D 1L PRIV 16 7P 10D 2L PRIV 12 8P 13D 3L WEST 15 7W2J>L	<b>10</b> PRIV 16 7P 11D 4L PRIV 16 10P 10D 1L
<b>11</b> COLO 24 7W1J>L	<b>12</b> PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L ADMN 9P 4D 4L	<b>13</b> WEST 17 7W2J>L	<b>14</b> PRIV 16 9P 10D 3L ARIZ 28 5P6D>L	<b>15</b> PRIV 12 8P 12D 2L PRIV 12 6P 12D 3L WEST 27 7W2J>L	<b>16</b> ADMN 15P 11D 2L GCW 28 5P6D>L	<b>17</b> PRIV 12 8P 13D 2L PRIV 11 8P 12D 1L PRIV 13 7P 14D 3L COLO 26 9L>L WILD 1 4P4W>L
<b>18</b> PRIV 8 9P 12D 2L GCW 20 11D>L	<b>19</b> PRIV 16 10P 11D 3L PRIV 16 11P 10D 3L PRIV 16 9P 12D 2L	<b>20</b> PRIV 16 8P 12D 1L PRIV 16 8P 11D 2L ADMN 6P 11D 4L ARIZ 28 11D>L	<b>21</b> PRIV 8 8P 13D 3L PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L ADMN 10P 9D 2L GCEX 14 9J>L GCEX 10 16J>L OARS 16 6P8W4L>L	<b>22</b> HATC 29 6P6W>L	<b>23</b> PRIV 8 7P 14D 1L PRIV 12 10P 11D 4L PRIV 16 8P 11D 2L ADMN 10P 8D 2L WEST 23 7W2J>L HATC 22 6P6W>L OARS 16 17L>L	<b>24</b> GCW 26 5P6D>L HATC 1 5P5W>L WILD 24 4P4W>L
<b>25</b> GCEX 13 9J>L	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> PRIV 8 7P 13D 3L PRIV 8 8P 13D 4L PRIV 16 5P 7D 1L PRIV 10 10P 9D 2L ADMN 6P 11D 2L	<b>29</b> PRIV 16 7P 10D 4 COLO 26 11L>L GCEX 15 8J>L WEST 24 7W2J>L	<b>30</b> PRIV 8 7P 14D 2L	