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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 December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PRIV 8 8P 8D	2 PRIV 16 12P 13D 1L PRIV 8 9P 12D	3 PRIV 16 7P 12D 5L	4 PRIV 5 9P 16D 3L	5 PRIV 13 6P 5D	6 PRIV 8 5P 3D	7 PRIV 8 8P 11D 2L
8 PRIV 2 -2P 13D	9 PRIV 16 9P 15D	10 PRIV 5 4P 7D 2L	11 PRIV 1 8P 12D 2L	12 PRIV 8 9P 13D 2L	13 PRIV 16 7P 18D 1L	14 PRIV 8 8P 11D
15 PRIV 14 9P 15D	16 PRIV 9 6P 10D PRIV 13 6P 12D 3L	17 PRIV 9 6P 10D 2L	18 PRIV 16 11P 10D 3L	19 PRIV 2 4P 7D	20 PRIV 16 9P 14D	21 PRIV 1 4P 3D 3L
22 PRIV 12 9P 12D 4L	23 PRIV 2 4P 7D 2L	24 PRIV 1 6P 8D	25 PRIV 10 7P 15D	26 PRIV 7 4P 3D 2L	27 PRIV 1 -2P 2D	28 PRIV 5 7P 12D 4L
29 PRIV 6 8P 14D 2L	30 PRIV 9 9P 15D 4L PRIV 8 13P 8D 3L	31 PRIV 13 9P 9D				

Phantom Ranch Exchanges for December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 PRIV 9 8P 9D 2L	3	4 PRIV 16 8P 17D	5	6 PRIV 1 8P 17D 2L	7 PRIV 9 8P 12D 3L
8 PRIV 8 8P 8D	9 PRIV 16 7P 12D 5L	10 PRIV 13 6P 5D PRIV 8 5P 3D PRIV 8 9P 12D	11	12 PRIV 5 9P 16D 3L	13 PRIV 5 4P 7D 2L PRIV 16 12P 13D 1L	14 PRIV 8 8P 11D 2L
15	16	17 PRIV 16 9P 15D	18 PRIV 1 8P 12D 2L	19 PRIV 16 7P 18D 1L	20 PRIV 8 9P 13D 2L	21 PRIV 9 6P 10D PRIV 8 8P 11D PRIV 13 6P 12D 3L
22 PRIV 2 4P 7D PRIV 9 6P 10D 2L	23 PRIV 14 9P 15D	24 PRIV 1 4P 3D 3L	25	26 PRIV 2 4P 7D 2L	27	28 PRIV 16 9P 14D PRIV 16 11P 10D 3L
29 PRIV 7 4P 3D 2L PRIV 1 6P 8D	30 PRIV 12 9P 12D 4L	31 PRIV 10 7P 15D				

Diamond Creek Takeouts for December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PRIV 1 9P 11D 5L	2 PRIV 16 10P 15D	3 PRIV 13 10P 14D 4L PRIV 16 9P 16D PRIV 5 3P 3D	4 PRIV 15 8P 11D 2L PRIV 2 12P 10D 4L	5 PRIV 16 9P 12D 1L PRIV 10 10P 15D PRIV 3 6P 10D PRIV 1 4P 6D	6	7 PRIV 15 8P 13D
8 PRIV 16 8P 17D PRIV 13 8P 13D	9 PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L	10 PRIV 16 9P 11D 3L	11 PRIV 9 8P 9D 2L	12 PRIV 16 8P 12D 2L	13 PRIV 8 6P 14D 1L PRIV 16 9P 13D PRIV 8 5P 3D	14
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22 PRIV 8 9P 12D	23 PRIV 1 8P 17D 2L	24	25 PRIV 8 8P 11D 2L	26 PRIV 16 12P 13D 1L	27 PRIV 1 4P 3D 3L	28 PRIV 5 9P 16D 3L
29 PRIV 2 4P 7D	30 PRIV 1 8P 12D 2L	31 PRIV 9 6P 10D				

Pearce Ferry Takeouts for December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 PRIV 16 10P 15D 5L	4	5	6 PRIV 16 9P 12D 1L PRIV 15 8P 11D 2L PRIV 1 9P 11D 5L	7 PRIV 13 10P 14D 4L
8 PRIV 2 12P 10D 4L	9	10	11	12 PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L	13 PRIV 16 9P 11D 3L PRIV 9 8P 9D 2L	14 PRIV 16 8P 12D 2L PRIV 8 6P 14D 1L
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 PRIV 9 8P 12D 3L PRIV 5 4P 7D 2L	23	24	25 PRIV 1 8P 17D 2L	26 PRIV 16 7P 12D 5L	27 PRIV 16 12P 13D 1L PRIV 8 8P 11D 2L	28
29	30 PRIV 1 4P 3D 3L	31 PRIV 5 9P 16D 3L				