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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 February 2020

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

Phantom Ranch Exchanges for February 2020

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

Diamond Creek Takeouts for February 2020

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

Pearce Ferry Takeouts for February 2020

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