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PLEASE REVIEW THIS INFORMATION BEFORE READING THE CALENDARS

Four separate river trip launch calendars are available:

- 1) Lees Ferry launch calendar
- 2) Phantom Ranch exchange calendar
- 3) Whitmore exchange calendar
- 4) Diamond Creek takeout calendar

These calendars list the tentative launch schedules for all commercial, non-commercial, research, and National Park Service work trips. Patrol trips are not included. The calendars are posted to the park website 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 launch 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 reflects the trip's planned schedule. Whitmore and Diamond Creek schedules include prefixes detailing the type of activity as well. Some examples are provided. All trips launch from Lees Ferry.

Abbreviations

Type of Trip/Company Names

PRIV = Private Trip	RSH = Research Trip	GRCA = NPS trip
GCMRC = GCMRC Research Trip	TRAN = Commercial Training Trip	AZRA = Arizona Raft Adventures
ARIZ = Arizona River Runners	CAEX = Canyon Explorations	COLO = Colorado River and Trail Expeditions
CANY = Canyoneers	DIAM = Diamond River Adventures	EXPD = Canyon Expeditions
HATC = Hatch River Expeditions	HIGH = AZRA/Discovery	GRCE = Grand Canyon Expeditions
MOKI = Moki Mac River Expeditions	OARS = O.A.R.S.	OUTD = Outdoors Unlimited
TOUR = Tour West	WEST = Western River Expeditions	WRAD = Wilderness River Adventures

Location

P = Phantom Ranch	W = Whitmore Helipad	D = Diamond Creek
J = Jet boat	L = Lake Mead	> = "Deadhead" (equipment/crew only)

Takeout/Exchange Prefixes

X = Passenger Exchange	P = Passengers Out	T = Takeout (entire trip)	E = Equipment Out
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Examples

PRIV 15 9P12D3L	A planned maximum of 15 participants, 9 days to Phantom Creek, 12 more days to Diamond Creek, 3 more days to Lake Mead to take out.
WEST 28 6W3J>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.
AZRA 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 Noncommercial River Trip Regulations.

Phantom Ranch Exchange Calendar

This calendar includes only those commercial trips that have scheduled a passenger exchange at Phantom Ranch and all non-commercial (PRIV) trips whether they are exchanging or not. Non-commercial trips are allowed to modify their exchange schedule up to and including the day of launch, and some noncommercial trips will decide to exchange passengers at Phantom Ranch.

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 that 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, RM 187. Beginning in 2007, helicopter flights will be restricted to the hours before 10 AM. The Whitmore schedule is included to assist those who wish to minimize their exposure to over flight noise or congestion. The “X” in front of the trip’s abbreviation signifies a passenger exchange; the “P” means that passengers will be flown out and only equipment will continue to the takeout.

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. Letters in front of the trip abbreviation have the following meanings: “T” means the entire trip is taking out, “P” means the passengers are taking out; “E” means that the equipment and crew only will be taking out.

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.

December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 PRIV 16 11P 14D	2	3 PRIV 16 10P 15D	4	5 PRIV 8 6P 8D
6	7 PRIV 8 10P 14D	8	9 PRIV 12 9P 16D	10 PRIV 5 9P 16D 5L	11 PRIV 3 4P 4D 3L	12
13 PRIV 16 9P 10D	14 PRIV 4 6P 12D	15 PRIV 4 8P 11D	16	17 PRIV 15 8P 9D	18 PRIV 16 8P 15D	19 PRIV 12 7P 12D
20 PRIV 16 8P 17D 4L	21 PRIV 8 10P 15D	22 PRIV 5 9P 16D 5L	23 PRIV 4 7P 8D 3L	24 PRIV 16 8P 8D	25 PRIV 2 13P 6D	26 PRIV 13 9P 12D
27 PRIV 4 5P 13D 5L	28 PRIV 11 7P 11D	29	30	31 PRIV 4 5P 6D 3L		

 Standard Sized Trip (1 - 16 people)

 Small Sized Trip (1 - 8 people)

Accurate as of 29-Oct-2009

December 2009

Noncommercial Trips: Phantom Ranch Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 PRIV 16 12P 10D 3L PRIV 8 6P 16D PRIV 16 9P 16D	2	3 PRIV 16 12P 13D	4 PRIV 10 6P 10D	5 PRIV 6 8P 12D
6 PRIV 11 10P 15D	7	8	9	10 PRIV 8 6P 8D	11 PRIV 16 11P 14D	12 PRIV 16 10P 15D
13	14 PRIV 3 4P 4D 3L	15	16 PRIV 8 10P 14D	17 PRIV 12 9P 16D	18 PRIV 5 9P 16D 5L	19 PRIV 4 6P 12D
20	21 PRIV 16 9P 10D	22 PRIV 4 8P 11D	23	24 PRIV 15 8P 9D	25 PRIV 16 8P 15D PRIV 12 7P 12D	26
27 PRIV 16 8P 17D 4L	28	29 PRIV 4 7P 8D 3L	30 PRIV 8 10P 15D PRIV 5 9P 16D 5L	31 PRIV 16 8P 8D PRIV 4 5P 13D 5L		

 Standard Sized Trip (1 - 16 people)

 Small Sized Trip (1 - 8 people)

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December 2009

Noncommercial Trips: Diamond Creek Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 7P 11D	2	3 PRIV 4 6P 19D	4	5 PRIV 14 8P 10D
6	7 PRIV 16 8P 11D 3L	8	9 PRIV 16 10P 15D	10 PRIV 16 13P 12D 3L	11 PRIV 16 12P 10D 3L PRIV 8 12P 13D 4L PRIV 16 9P 12D	12 PRIV 12 6P 13D
13 PRIV 10 6P 10D	14	15	16 PRIV 16 12P 13D	17 PRIV 6 8P 12D PRIV 8 6P 16D PRIV 16 9P 16D	18 PRIV 3 4P 4D 3L PRIV 8 6P 8D	19
20 PRIV 11 10P 15D	21	22	23	24	25 PRIV 16 11P 14D	26
27 PRIV 16 10P 15D	28	29	30 PRIV 8 10P 14D	31 PRIV 4 6P 12D PRIV 16 9P 10D		



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