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PLEASE REVIEW THIS INFORMATION BEFORE READING THE CALENDARS

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
AZRA = Arizona Raft Adventures
CANY = Canyoneers
GCDY = Grand Canyon Discovery
HATC = Hatch River Expeditions
OUTD = Outdoors Unlimited
WILD = Wilderness River Adventures

RSH = Research Trip
TRAN = Commercial Training Trip
ARIZ = Arizona River Runners
COLO = CO River and Trail Expeditions
GCEX = Grand Canyon Expeditions
MOKI = Moki Mac River Expeditions
TOUR = Tour West

GRCA = NPS trip
ADMN = Administrative Trip Other
CAEX = Canyon Explorations
EXPD = Canyon Expeditions
GCW = Grand Canyon Whitewater
OARS = O.A.R.S. Grand Canyon
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.

December 2011

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

 Standard Sized Trip (1 - 16 people)

 Small Sized Trip (1 - 8 people)

Accurate as of 15-Dec-2011

December 2011

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

December 2011

Noncommercial Trips: Diamond Creek Calendar

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

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December 2011

Noncommercial Trips: Pearce Ferry

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				1 PRIV 16 7P 12D 1L PRIV 15 4P 8D 1L	2	3 PRIV 16 7P 18D 2L
4 PRIV 16 10P 15D 4L	5 PRIV 8 7P 13D 1L	6	7	8 PRIV 16 9P 13D 3L	9 PRIV 15 9P 13D 2L	10 PRIV 7 6P 10D 2L
11 PRIV 12 9P 12D 4L	12	13 PRIV 14 9P 13D 3L PRIV 15 9P 12D 1L	14 PRIV 12 7P 12D 2L	15	16 PRIV 11 6P 9D 2L PRIV 16 9P 11D 2L	17 PRIV 1 5P 6D 1L
18 PRIV 16 8P 17D 3L	19	20	21 PRIV 13 15P 8D 2L	22 PRIV 16 8P 14D 3L PRIV 2 4P 4D 3L	23	24
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