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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

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

Takeout/Exchange Prefixes

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

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| 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.

Lees Ferry Launches October 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | 1 PRIV 12 9P 12D PRIV 14 8P 13D | 2 PRIV 16 7P 9D MOKI 16 6P9D | 3 PRIV 16 6P 15D PRIV 16 7P 14D |
| 4 PRIV 16 9P 12D AZRA 18 7P10D | 5 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 14 8P 13D | 6 PRIV 16 9P 8D EXPD 17 7P9D | 7 PRIV 16 5P 11D PRIV 16 7P 8D | 8 PRIV 9 7P 11D 3L ARIZ 18 6P8D | 9 PRIV 5 7P 14D | 10 PRIV 7 8P 8D HIGH 18 7P10D |
| 11 PRIV 13 7P 11D PRIV 16 8P 13D | 12 PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L CAEX 14 8P10D | 13 PRIV 12 8P 10D PRIV 16 8P 11D | 14 PRIV 16 7P 12D 2L OARS 16 6P11D | 15 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 15 6P 14D | 16 PRIV 16 9P 12D AZRA 18 7P10D | 17 PRIV 16 6P 12D PRIV 14 6P 9D |
| 18 PRIV 16 7P 11D OARS 10 7P12D | 19 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 15 7P 11D 2L | 20 PRIV 16 8P 10D OARS 16 18D | 21 PRIV 16 7P 10D PRIV 11 8P 10D | 22 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L | 23 PRIV 13 10P 11D PRIV 16 8P 10D | 24 PRIV 14 9P 12D 3L WRAD 16 16D |
| 25 PRIV 16 6P 12D PRIV 11 8P 8D 5L | 26 PRIV 15 9P 12D | 27 PRIV 16 7P 14D PRIV 16 9P 12D | 28 PRIV 10 7P 9D | 29 PRIV 16 7P 10D PRIV 13 7P 9D | 30 PRIV 12 6P 15D | 31 PRIV 15 9P 12D PRIV 16 8P 13D |

Phantom Ranch Exchanges October 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| | | | | 1 PRIV 16 7P 14D PRIV 16 9P 10D MOKI 13 6P9D | 2 PRIV 16 5P 13D PRIV 16 7P 14D AZRA 18 7P10D DIAM 16 6P8D | 3 PRIV 12 7P 10D PRIV 16 9P 10D |
| 4 | 5 CAEX 18 8P9D | 6 PRIV 16 8P 10D AZRA 18 7P10D OARS 12 7P10D | 7 PRIV 11 9P 12D MOKI 16 6P9D | 8 PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 16 6P 15D PRIV 14 8P 13D | 9 PRIV 12 9P 12D PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 16 7P 14D | 10 AZRA 18 7P10D |
| 11 PRIV 16 5P 11D | 12 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 14 8P 13D EXPD 17 7P9D | 13 PRIV 16 7P 8D ARIZ 18 6P8D | 14 PRIV 9 7P 11D 3L PRIV 16 9P 8D | 15 PRIV 5 7P 14D | 16 HIGH 18 7P10D | 17 PRIV 13 7P 11D PRIV 7 8P 8D |
| 18 PRIV 16 8P 13D | 19 CAEX 14 8P10D OARS 16 6P11D | 20 PRIV 12 8P 10D PRIV 16 9P 12D 3L PRIV 15 6P 14D PRIV 16 8P 11D PRIV 16 7P 12D 2L | 21 PRIV 16 7P 11D | 22 PRIV 16 6P 12D PRIV 14 6P 9D AZRA 18 7P10D | 23 | 24 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 9P 12D OARS 10 7P12D |
| 25 PRIV 15 7P 11D 2L | 26 PRIV 16 8P 13D | 27 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 7P 10D | 28 PRIV 11 8P 10D | 29 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L | 30 PRIV 16 6P 12D PRIV 16 8P 10D | 31 |

no exchanges for this month

Whitmore Exchanges October 2009

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

Diamond Creek Takeouts October 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | 1 PRIV 11 7P 11D T COLO 16 12D T HIGH 18 7P9D T WRAD 16 14D | 2 PRIV 16 6P 10D PRIV 16 7P 11D | 3 T EXPD 17 7P9D |
| 4 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L T OARS 10 6P10D | 5 PRIV 16 9P 9D T OUTD 11 7P9D | 6 PRIV 16 8P 13D T OARS 16 7P9D | 7 T CAEX 18 8P9D | 8 PRIV 16 8P 10D T AZRA 15 7P10D T HIGH 18 7P9D | 9 PRIV 14 8P 13D PRIV 16 7P 14D T DIAM 16 6P8D T MOKI 13 6P9D | 10 PRIV 13 7P 10D PRIV 16 4P 10D PRIV 16 9P 12D |
| 11 PRIV 16 9P 10D PRIV 16 9P 12D T AZRA 18 7P10D | 12 | 13 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 12 7P 10D PRIV 16 9P 10D T CAEX 18 8P9D | 14 | 15 PRIV 16 5P 13D PRIV 16 7P 14D T AZRA 18 7P10D T MOKI 16 6P9D T OARS 12 7P10D | 16 PRIV 16 7P 14D PRIV 16 8P 10D | 17 PRIV 16 7P 9D |
| 18 | 19 PRIV 11 9P 12D T AZRA 18 7P10D | 20 PRIV 16 10P 11D T ARIZ 18 6P8D T EXPD 17 7P9D | 21 PRIV 12 9P 12D PRIV 14 8P 13D PRIV 16 7P 8D | 22 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 5P 11D PRIV 16 9P 8D | 23 PRIV 16 6P 15D PRIV 16 7P 14D | 24 PRIV 16 9P 12D |
| 25 PRIV 14 8P 13D PRIV 9 7P 11D 3L PRIV 7 8P 8D T HIGH 18 7P10D | 26 | 27 | 28 PRIV 13 7P 11D T CAEX 14 8P10D | 29 PRIV 5 7P 14D T OARS 16 6P11D | 30 PRIV 12 8P 10D | 31 PRIV 16 8P 11D PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 14 6P 9D T AZRA 18 7P10D |