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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.

Lees Ferry Launches June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 PRIV 16 3P 4D PRIV 8 7P 9D DIAM 28 8D HATC 28 7W>L OUTD 21 5P9J>L TOUR 28 6W3J>L	2 PRIV 6 5P 11D ARIZ 28 6W2J>L CAEX 19 7P9D WEST 28 7W3J>L WEST 28 7W3J>L	3 PRIV 8 8P 8D PRIV 8 5P 9D DIAM 28 4P5D HATC 15 7W>L WEST 28 7W3J>L WRAD 25 6P7W>D	4 PRIV 14 9P 7D AZRA 20 6P9D GRCE 28 8J>L HATC 28 7W>L HATC 15 8W>L	5 PRIV 16 6P 10D PRIV 8 9P 7D ARIZ 28 7W2J>L GRCE 28 8J>L MOKI 20 6P9J>L WRAD 28 6W>L	6 PRIV 16 9P 7D 2L COLO 24 8L GRCE 28 8J>L HIGH 20 8D HIGH 18 6P9D
7 PRIV 15 7P 9D PRIV 8 7P 9D AZRA 20 8D CANY 28 7J>L CANY 20 3P5J>L OARS 14 5P10D	8 PRIV 16 6P 10D ARIZ 28 6W2J>L HATC 28 8W>L OUTD 24 6P9J>L TOUR 24 6W3J>L	9 PRIV 16 6P 10D 2L ARIZ 28 6W2J>L EXPD 20 7P9D WEST 28 7W3J>L WEST 28 7W3J>L	10 PRIV 16 7P 7D DIAM 28 4P5D HATC 16 14W>D WEST 28 7W3J>L WEST 28 7W3J>L	11 PRIV 2 8P 8D 2L PRIV 16 6P 10D GRCE 28 8J>L HATC 28 7W>L OARS 12 12W4J>L WRAD 28 7W>L	12 PRIV 16 7P 7D ARIZ 28 8J>L GRCE 28 8J>L TOUR 16 14D WRAD 28 8W>L	13 PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 8 9P 7D CAEX 18 6P8D COLO 24 8W>L DIAM 28 7W>D GRCE 28 8J>L
14 PRIV 16 9P 7D ARIZ 28 7W2J>L CANY 28 7J>L HATC 28 8W>L OUTD 21 6P9J>L	15 PRIV 16 5P 5D 2L PRIV 8 7P 9D HATC 28 7W>L MOKI 20 6P9J>L TOUR 28 6W3J>L WRAD 28 7W>L	16 PRIV 16 8P 8D ARIZ 28 6W2J>L GRCE 16 14J>L WEST 28 7W3J>L WEST 28 7W3J>L	17 PRIV 16 5P 11D PRIV 8 5P 7D AZRA 20 8D CANY 15 6P9J>L DIAM 28 7W>D WRAD 28 8W>L	18 PRIV 16 7P 9D EXPD 18 15D GRCE 14 8J>L GRCE 14 8J>L WEST 28 6W3J>L	19 PRIV 8 6P 10D 4L PRIV 16 6P 10D AZRA 20 6P9D AZRA 20 8D GRCE 28 8J>L HATC 15 8W>L	20 PRIV 12 6P 10D AZRA 20 6P9D COLO 25 8L DIAM 28 7W>D GRCE 28 8J>L
21 PRIV 4 6P 10D PRIV 8 7P 9D ARIZ 28 6W2J>L CANY 28 3P5J>L HATC 28 7W>L OARS 16 5P9D	22 ARIZ 28 7W2J>L CAEX 18 15D HATC 28 8W>L TOUR 28 6W3J>L	23 PRIV 8 6P 10D PRIV 14 7P 9D ARIZ 28 8J>L OUTD 24 5P8J>L WEST 28 7W3J>L WEST 28 7W3J>L	24 PRIV 16 7P 9D MOKI 20 6P9J>L WEST 28 7W3J>L WEST 28 7W3J>L WRAD 28 7W>L	25 PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 8 8P 8D AZRA 20 6P9D GRCE 28 8J>L HATC 28 7W>L HATC 15 7W>L	26 PRIV 16 7P 8D GRCE 28 8J>L TOUR 24 6W3J>L WRAD 28 4P5W>L WRAD 25 6P7W>D	27 PRIV 8 6P 10D PRIV 16 6P 8D ARIZ 28 7W2J>L DIAM 28 7W>D GRCE 28 8J>L OARS 20 5P9D
28 PRIV 16 6P 8D ARIZ 28 7W2J>L AZRA 20 6P9D CANY 28 7J>L HATC 28 7W>L	29 PRIV 8 7P 9D PRIV 16 9P 7D AZRA 20 8D HATC 28 7W>L OUTD 21 5P9J>L TOUR 28 6W3J>L	30 PRIV 16 7P 9D ARIZ 28 6W2J>L EXPD 18 6P9D WEST 28 7W3J>L WRAD 28 8W>L				

Phantom Ranch Exchanges June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 PRIV 8 7P 9D 3L	2 OARS 16 6P8W4J>L	3 PRIV 16 3P 4D PRIV 8 7P 9D 5L PRIV 11 6P 10D HIGH 18 6P9D	4 PRIV 14 8P 8D 3L PRIV 16 5P 11D ARIZ 24 6P8D OARS 16 5P10D WRAD 28 7P2W>L	5 PRIV 16 7P 9D 4L OUTD 21 5P9J>L	6 PRIV 6 8P 8D 2L PRIV 6 5P 11D DIAM 28 4P5D
7 PRIV 8 7P 9D PRIV 8 5P 9D	8 CAEX 19 7P9D WRAD 25 6P7W>D	9 AZRA 20 6P9D CANY 20 3P5J>L	10 PRIV 8 8P 8D PRIV 16 6P 10D MOKI 20 6P9J>L	11 HIGH 18 6P9D OARS 14 5P10D	12 PRIV 14 9P 7D	13 PRIV 15 7P 9D PRIV 16 6P 10D PRIV 8 9P 7D PRIV 8 7P 9D DIAM 28 4P5D OUTD 24 6P9J>L
14 PRIV 16 6P 10D 2L PRIV 16 9P 7D 2L	15 EXPD 20 7P9D	16 PRIV 16 6P 10D PRIV 16 7P 7D	17	18 PRIV 2 8P 8D 2L PRIV 16 7P 7D CAEX 18 6P8D	19 PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 16 5P 5D 2L OUTD 21 6P9J>L	20 MOKI 20 6P9J>L
21 PRIV 16 5P 11D PRIV 8 7P 9D PRIV 8 5P 7D PRIV 8 9P 7D	22 PRIV 16 9P 7D CANY 15 6P9J>L	23 PRIV 16 8P 8D CANY 28 3P5J>L	24 PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 8 6P 10D 4L PRIV 16 6P 10D AZRA 20 6P9D	25 PRIV 12 6P 10D AZRA 20 6P9D OARS 16 5P9D	26 PRIV 4 6P 10D	27 PRIV 8 7P 9D OUTD 24 5P8J>L
28 PRIV 8 6P 10D	29 PRIV 14 7P 9D MOKI 20 6P9J>L WRAD 28 4P5W>L	30 PRIV 16 7P 9D AZRA 20 6P9D				

Whitmore Exchanges June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 X WEST 28 6W3J>L X WEST 28 6W3J>L	2 X TOUR 28 6W3J>L P WRAD 28 8W>L	3 P WRAD 28 8W>L	4	5 P DIAM 28 7W>D P DIAM 20 10W>D P WRAD 28 7P2W>L	6 X ARIZ 28 7W2J>L X TOUR 28 6W3J>L
7 X ARIZ 28 6W2J>L P HATC 28 7W>L P HATC 28 8W>L	8 X WEST 28 7W3J>L X WEST 28 7W3J>L	9 X OARS 16 6P8W4J>L X WEST 28 7W3J>L P HATC 15 7W>L	10 P HATC 28 7W>L P WRAD 28 6W>L	11 X ARIZ 28 7W2J>L P HATC 15 8W>L	12	13 X ARIZ 28 6W2J>L X TOUR 24 6W3J>L
14 X ARIZ 28 6W2J>L P WRAD 25 6P7W>D	15 X WEST 28 7W3J>L X WEST 28 7W3J>L P HATC 28 8W>L	16 X WEST 28 7W3J>L X WEST 28 7W3J>L	17 P HATC 28 7W>L P WRAD 28 7W>L	18	19 P DIAM 28 7W>D P WRAD 28 8W>L	20 X ARIZ 28 7W2J>L X TOUR 28 6W3J>L P COLO 24 8W>L
21 X ARIZ 28 6W2J>L P HATC 28 7W>L P HATC 28 8W>L P WRAD 28 7W>L	22 X OARS 12 12W4J>L X WEST 28 7W3J>L X WEST 28 7W3J>L	23 X WEST 28 6W3J>L P DIAM 28 7W>D P HATC 16 14W>D	24 P WRAD 28 8W>L	25	26 X ARIZ 28 6W2J>L P DIAM 28 7W>D P HATC 15 8W>L	27 X TOUR 28 6W3J>L P HATC 28 7W>L
28 X ARIZ 28 7W2J>L	29 X WEST 28 7W3J>L X WEST 28 7W3J>L P HATC 28 8W>L	30 X WEST 28 7W3J>L X WEST 28 7W3J>L P WRAD 28 7W>L				

Diamond Creek Takeouts June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 PRIV 16 5P 11D	2 PRIV 16 6P 10D PRIV 8 8P 8D 3L	3 PRIV 16 6P 10D 0L PRIV 16 6P 9D	4 PRIV 8 11P 5D T AZRA 20 8D T OARS 16 6P10D	5 PRIV 16 5P 5D 1L PRIV 16 8P 8D T EXPD 21 15D T OARS 17 5P10D E DIAM 28 7W>D	6 PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 8 6P 10D E DIAM 20 10W>D
7 PRIV 16 9P 7D PRIV 16 3P 4D	8 PRIV 16 8P 8D PRIV 6 7P 9D T AZRA 20 6P9D T DIAM 28 8D	9	10 PRIV 8 7P 9D 3L PRIV 13 6P 10D T DIAM 28 4P5D	11 T ARIZ 24 6P8D T HIGH 18 6P9D	12 PRIV 14 8P 8D 3L PRIV 8 7P 9D 5L	13 PRIV 11 6P 10D T HIGH 20 8D T OARS 16 5P10D
14 PRIV 16 7P 9D 4L PRIV 6 8P 8D 2L T AZRA 20 8D	15 PRIV 16 5P 11D E WRAD 25 6P7W>D	16 PRIV 8 7P 9D PRIV 8 5P 9D T CAEX 19 7P9D	17 PRIV 6 5P 11D T AZRA 20 6P9D T DIAM 28 4P5D	18 PRIV 8 8P 8D	19 PRIV 14 9P 7D T HIGH 18 6P9D E DIAM 28 7W>D	20 PRIV 16 6P 10D PRIV 8 9P 7D T OARS 14 5P10D
21 PRIV 16 9P 7D 2L	22 PRIV 15 7P 9D PRIV 8 7P 9D	23 PRIV 16 6P 10D PRIV 16 7P 7D T EXPD 20 7P9D E DIAM 28 7W>D E HATC 16 14W>D	24 PRIV 16 5P 5D 2L PRIV 16 6P 10D 2L T AZRA 20 8D	25 PRIV 16 7P 7D T CAEX 18 6P8D T TOUR 16 14D	26 PRIV 2 8P 8D 2L PRIV 16 6P 10D T AZRA 20 8D E DIAM 28 7W>D	27
28 PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 8 5P 7D PRIV 8 9P 7D	29 PRIV 16 9P 7D	30 PRIV 8 7P 9D				