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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 May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 PRIV 16 7P 9D AZRA 20 6P9D GRCE 28 8J>L HATC 15 8W>L HIGH 15 10D	2 PRIV 8 9P 7D PRIV 16 8P 8D CAEX 21 7P9D COLO 10 11L DIAM 28 7W>D GRCE 28 8J>L
3 PRIV 16 6P 10D ARIZ 28 6W2J>L CANY 28 7J>L CANY 20 3P5J>L OARS 12 5P8W4J>L	4 PRIV 16 8P 8D 3L PRIV 8 7P 9D ARIZ 28 6W2J>L HATC 28 7W>L HATC 15 7W>L OUTD 18 6P8J>L	5 PRIV 14 6P 10D ARIZ 28 6W2J>L AZRA 20 6P9D WEST 28 6W3J>L WEST 28 6W3J>L	6 PRIV 8 7P 9D 2L PRIV 15 6P 10D DIAM 20 5P8D MOKI 20 8J>L WEST 28 6W3J>L WEST 28 6W3J>L	7 PRIV 16 7P 8D GRCE 28 8J>L HATC 28 7W>L OARS 16 6P10D WRAD 28 7W>L	8 PRIV 5 6P 10D PRIV 16 7P 9D 4L AZRA 20 8D CAEX 20 16D GRCE 28 8J>L WRAD 28 4P5W>L	9 PRIV 16 8P 8D ARIZ 28 7W2J>L AZRA 20 6P8D COLO 24 4P6L GRCE 28 8J>L
10 PRIV 8 7P 9D PRIV 13 7P 9D 3L CAEX 20 7P9D CANY 28 7J>L DIAM 28 7W>D HATC 28 7W>L	11 PRIV 15 6P 10D ARIZ 28 6W2J>L HATC 28 8W>L OUTD 21 6P8J>L TOUR 15 6W3J>L	12 PRIV 16 9P 7D PRIV 2 7P 9D 0L PRIV 8 6P 10D 1L ARIZ 28 6W2J>L TOUR 16 14D WEST 28 6W3J>L WEST 28 6W3J>L	13 PRIV 16 7P 9D 2L DIAM 28 4P5D EXPD 18 6P9D WEST 28 6W3J>L WRAD 28 6W>L	14 PRIV 8 6P 10D PRIV 16 6P 10D AZRA 20 6P9D GRCE 14 8J>L GRCE 14 8J>L HATC 15 7W>L	15 PRIV 16 7P 9D GRCE 28 8J>L MOKI 20 8J>L WRAD 28 4P5W>L WRAD 25 6P7W>D	16 PRIV 8 6P 10D PRIV 16 9P 7D ARIZ 28 7W2J>L AZRA 20 6P9D COLO 24 8W>L GRCE 28 8J>L
17 PRIV 16 5P 11D ARIZ 28 8J>L CANY 28 3P5J>L HATC 28 7W>L OUTD 21 6P9J>L	18 PRIV 16 6P 10D PRIV 8 9P 7D AZRA 20 8D HATC 28 7W>L MOKI 18 6P9J>L TOUR 24 6W3J>L	19 PRIV 15 6P 10D 0L ARIZ 28 6W2J>L GRCE 16 14J>L WEST 28 6W3J>L WEST 28 6W3J>L	20 PRIV 8 11P 5D PRIV 16 9P 7D DIAM 28 8D HATC 20 6P7W>D WEST 28 6W3J>L WRAD 28 7W>L	21 PRIV 16 8P 8D GRCE 28 8J>L HATC 28 7W>L HIGH 20 8D OARS 16 6P10D	22 PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 8 6P 10D DIAM 28 7W>D EXPD 21 15D GRCE 28 8J>L WRAD 28 4P5W>L	23 PRIV 16 9P 7D ARIZ 28 7W2J>L COLO 24 4P6L GRCE 28 8J>L OARS 17 5P10D
24 PRIV 16 8P 8D PRIV 8 9P 7D CANY 28 3P5J>L DIAM 28 7W>D HATC 28 7W>L TOUR 16 13W>D	25 PRIV 4 5P 7D 2L ARIZ 28 6W2J>L HATC 28 7W>L OUTD 24 6P8J>L TOUR 28 6W3J>L	26 PRIV 8 7P 9D 3L PRIV 13 6P 10D ARIZ 28 8J>L AZRA 20 6P9D WEST 28 6W3J>L WRAD 28 8W>L	27 PRIV 16 5P 5D 1L DIAM 20 10W>D WEST 28 6W3J>L WEST 28 6W3J>L WRAD 28 8W>L	28 PRIV 14 8P 8D 3L PRIV 8 7P 9D 5L AZRA 20 8D GRCE 28 8J>L OARS 16 6P8W4J>L TOUR 28 6W3J>L	29 PRIV 16 9P 7D GRCE 28 8J>L HIGH 18 6P9D MOKI 20 8J>L WRAD 28 7P2W>L	30 PRIV 16 7P 9D 4L PRIV 6 8P 8D 2L ARIZ 24 6P8D COLO 24 8L DIAM 28 7W>D GRCE 28 8J>L
31 PRIV 16 5P 11D ARIZ 28 7W2J>L CANY 28 7J>L HATC 28 8W>L OARS 16 5P10D						

Phantom Ranch Exchanges May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 EXPD 16 7P9D OARS 11 6P10J>L	2 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 8 7P 11D 3L
3 PRIV 16 9P 12D OUTD 10 7P9J>L	4 AZRA 18 6P9D	5 PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 8 8P 13D CANY 20 3P5J>L	6 PRIV 12 7P 14D PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 10P 11D 4L AZRA 20 6P9D	7 PRIV 16 7P 9D OARS 12 5P8W4J>L	8 PRIV 16 6P 10D CAEX 21 7P9D	9 PRIV 8 10P 11D PRIV 16 8P 8D CAEX 21 7P9D
10 PRIV 8 9P 7D PRIV 8 7P 9D PRIV 14 6P 10D AZRA 20 6P9D DIAM 20 5P8D	11 PRIV 16 8P 8D 3L PRIV 15 6P 10D WRAD 28 4P5W>L	12 PRIV 8 7P 9D 2L COLO 24 4P6L OARS 16 6P10D	13 PRIV 5 6P 10D PRIV 16 7P 8D	14 PRIV 16 7P 9D 4L AZRA 20 6P8D	15	16 PRIV 16 8P 8D PRIV 8 7P 9D PRIV 13 7P 9D 3L PRIV 15 6P 10D CAEX 20 7P9D DIAM 28 4P5D OUTD 21 6P8J>L
17 PRIV 8 6P 10D 1L	18 PRIV 2 7P 9D 0L EXPD 18 6P9D WRAD 28 4P5W>L	19 PRIV 16 7P 9D 2L PRIV 8 6P 10D PRIV 16 6P 10D AZRA 20 6P9D CANY 28 3P5J>L	20 PRIV 16 9P 7D WRAD 25 6P7W>D	21 PRIV 8 6P 10D PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 16 5P 11D AZRA 20 6P9D	22 OUTD 21 6P9J>L	23 PRIV 16 6P 10D MOKI 18 6P9J>L
24 PRIV 15 6P 10D 0L PRIV 16 9P 7D	25 HATC 20 6P7W>D WRAD 28 4P5W>L	26 PRIV 8 9P 7D CANY 28 3P5J>L COLO 24 4P6L OARS 16 6P10D	27 PRIV 8 6P 10D OARS 17 5P10D	28 PRIV 16 8P 8D PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 16 9P 7D	29 PRIV 4 5P 7D 2L	30 PRIV 8 11P 5D OUTD 24 6P8J>L
31 PRIV 16 5P 5D 1L PRIV 16 9P 7D PRIV 16 8P 8D PRIV 13 6P 10D AZRA 20 6P9D						

Whitmore Exchanges May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 P ARIZ 19 9W>L
3 X OARS 10 6P10W3D X TOUR 10 6W3J>L	4	5 X WEST 18 7W3J>L P OUTD 10 8P8W>D P WRAD 18 6P7W>D	6 X WEST 18 7W3J>L	7 P HATC 18 12W>L	8 X ARIZ 28 6W2J>L P DIAM 28 7W>D P HATC 15 8W>L	9 X ARIZ 28 6W2J>L
10 X ARIZ 28 6W2J>L X WEST 28 6W3J>L X WEST 28 6W3J>L P HATC 28 7W>L P HATC 15 7W>L	11 X WEST 28 6W3J>L X WEST 28 6W3J>L	12	13 P HATC 28 7W>L P WRAD 28 7W>L	14 X OARS 12 5P8W4J>L	15 X ARIZ 28 7W2J>L P WRAD 28 4P5W>L	16 X ARIZ 28 6W2J>L X TOUR 15 6W3J>L P DIAM 28 7W>D P HATC 28 7W>L
17 X ARIZ 28 6W2J>L X WEST 28 6W3J>L X WEST 28 6W3J>L	18 X WEST 28 6W3J>L P HATC 28 8W>L P WRAD 28 6W>L	19	20 P HATC 15 7W>L	21	22 X ARIZ 28 7W2J>L P WRAD 28 4P5W>L	23 X TOUR 24 6W3J>L P COLO 24 8W>L P HATC 28 7W>L
24 X ARIZ 28 6W2J>L X WEST 28 6W3J>L X WEST 28 6W3J>L P HATC 28 7W>L	25 X WEST 28 6W3J>L	26 P WRAD 28 7W>L P WRAD 25 6P7W>D	27 P HATC 28 7W>L	28 P DIAM 28 7W>D	29 X ARIZ 28 7W2J>L P WRAD 28 4P5W>L	30 X ARIZ 28 6W2J>L X TOUR 28 6W3J>L P DIAM 28 7W>D P HATC 28 7W>L
31 X WEST 28 6W3J>L P HATC 28 7W>L P HATC 20 6P7W>D						

Diamond Creek Takeouts May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 PRIV 16 8P 10D 3L PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 8 8P 13D
3 PRIV 16 7P 9D T CAEX 15 8P9D T HIGH 18 6P9D	4 PRIV 16 5P 11D PRIV 6 7P 14D PRIV 7 5P 13D PRIV 16 9P 12D T DIAM 20 4P5D	5 T OARS 10 6P10W3D E OUTD 10 8P8W>D	6 PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L PRIV 8 9P 12D E WRAD 18 6P7W>D	7 PRIV 16 7P 9D T AZRA 17 15D	8 PRIV 8 9P 12D E DIAM 28 7W>D	9 PRIV 8 9P 9D 2L PRIV 16 8P 12D T EXPD 16 7P9D T TOUR 16 18D
10 PRIV 8 8P 13D 3L T HIGH 15 10D	11 PRIV 16 9P 12D	12 T AZRA 18 6P9D	13 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 8 7P 11D 3L	14 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 6 7P 14D 3L T AZRA 20 6P9D	15 PRIV 16 9P 12D T AZRA 20 8D	16 PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 16 10P 11D T CAEX 21 7P9D E DIAM 28 7W>D
17 PRIV 8 9P 7D PRIV 16 10P 11D 4L PRIV 16 8P 8D T DIAM 20 5P8D	18 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 6P 10D PRIV 8 8P 13D T AZRA 20 6P9D	19 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 8P 8D 3L PRIV 8 7P 9D	20 PRIV 12 7P 14D PRIV 8 10P 11D PRIV 14 6P 10D T DIAM 28 4P5D	21 PRIV 8 7P 9D 2L PRIV 15 6P 10D PRIV 16 7P 8D T AZRA 20 6P8D T OARS 16 6P10D	22	23 PRIV 5 6P 10D PRIV 16 7P 9D 4L T CAEX 20 16D
24 PRIV 16 8P 8D T CAEX 20 7P9D	25 PRIV 8 7P 9D PRIV 13 7P 9D 3L T AZRA 20 8D T TOUR 16 14D	26 PRIV 15 6P 10D T EXPD 18 6P9D	27 PRIV 16 9P 7D PRIV 2 7P 9D 0L PRIV 8 6P 10D 1L T AZRA 20 6P9D T DIAM 28 8D E WRAD 25 6P7W>D	28 PRIV 16 7P 9D 2L T HIGH 20 8D E DIAM 28 7W>D	29 PRIV 8 6P 10D PRIV 16 6P 10D T AZRA 20 6P9D	30 PRIV 16 7P 9D E DIAM 28 7W>D
31 PRIV 8 6P 10D PRIV 16 9P 7D E HATC 20 6P7W>D						