

Colorado River (Grand Canyon)

Application Deadline: Weighted Lottery applications are accepted during the first few weeks of February for permits for launch dates occurring in the following year. The drawing takes place near the end of February.

Two-step process:

1. Create a User Profile by visiting the “Weighted Lottery Website” at <https://npspermits.us>. This profile will maintain your contact information, accrued points, trip history, status of all applications you’ve submitted or been listed on, and links to those applications.
2. Create a Lottery Application: When a lottery is open and accepting applications, log back into your profile, create an application and submit it.

Fees:

\$25.00 Lottery Application (this covers **all** applications for launch dates of that particular year)
\$400.00 non-refundable deposit is immediately charged to winners which will apply toward the final permit fees. (\$200.00 for launches advertised through the lottery as “small trips”)
\$100.00/person Grand Canyon River Permit fee (due 90 days before launch).

Additional Information:

The above information is for permits to launch from Lees Ferry (River Mile 0) and takeout at Diamond Creek (River Mile 226) or Lake Mead (River Mile 277).

Shorter Trips: Noncommercial River Permits are also available for the Lower Gorge (the Diamond Creek to Lake Mead section of the Colorado River. Information and application for Lower Gorge permits: <http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/overview-diamond-ck.htm>.

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