

Manistee River Currents

From The Banks At Chippewa Landing



The river is all open and the banks of snow are melting. The ducks are enjoying the open water and a couple of Canadian geese swim by once in a while. And the resident eagles have made some passes along the river looking for anything that didn't make it thru this long, hard winter. (Cadillac broke a thirty year record for snow fall amounts this year). It's looking like spring along the river.

I've already taken some calls inquiring about overnight trips on the river. It's truly a great "get away" to spend one or more nights just relaxing on the river, going at the rivers pace instead of racing around like we all seem to do nowadays. It's also a great way for fisherman to get out and get some great fishing in after being laid up after a long winter. Just imagine.....fishing from sun up to sun down with no chance of being interrupted by spring time chores. As you can probably tell I'm getting eager for my three night trip down the river. Eat, paddle a little, fish a lot, and then repeat.

The topic of overnight trips can't be complete without mentioning riverjourneys.org Dave and Cara have taken their love of the Manistee river watershed to another level. With years of camping along its banks came the desire to share it with other folks. They can outfit a river trip to any level you would like. Just a trip to their web page, riverjourneys.org will give you a great idea of what kind of unforgettable trip they can make happen.

And the reservations for the camps are heating up. It's never too early; my first official call of the 2009 season was December 23, 2008. Most of regulars have their camp reservation already made and secured, but we still have openings, including Memorial weekend, and July 4th. And with the 4th being on a Saturday open spots won't last long.

I've already gotten calls from my staff confirming that all will be back, and I couldn't be happier. A great crew that truly enjoys being on the Manistee River. Customer service comes easy when you're enjoying your job in the midst of that beautiful Manistee River watershed. Makes my job easy.....and allows that spring time trip for me to happen.

The pictures show when the river broke free from of its icy grip this year in the area of Chippewa Landing. It took less then 12 hours for it to be safe for the deer to walk across to being able to canoe down. What the pictures don't show is the unique sounds and awesome power of the Manistee River.

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