

# Manistee River Currents

From The Banks At Chippewa Landing



We are having a beautiful spring at Chippewa Landing. The first groups of campers, kayakers and canoe'rs have been enjoying some great weather. People have been finding morel mushrooms in the surrounding area, and some nice trout are being caught in the river. The store has been cleaned and restocked, and the campsites and river banks are greening up with the grass growing and the leaves budding out.

The mentioning of green wouldn't be complete without a word about how "green" Chippewa Landing has always been. From the start of the canoe landing, low impact camping has been encouraged, tip proof canvas bags were designed to fit under the seats of the canoes, and the vehicles were changed over to run on propane.

After all these years, although we have made improvements, we still manage to stay as green as possible. We are still "off the grid" and not hooked up to the power company. All of our lighting inside and out is run on solar power. The office has a credit card terminal that utilizes solar power with a deep cycle storage battery and converter. The crew still takes time to clean up any trash at the launch sites, and are eager to take river trips that include trash bags and trash grippers (along with the occasional fishing pole). The crew also recycles the plastic water bottles that are so numerous these days. Although our vehicles no longer run on propane we use a gas additive to help increase mileage. Chippewa Landing also supports various groups such as the Upper Manistee River Association and the Fife Lake Sportsman Club.

We encourage all of our customers to be litter-conscious while taking river trips. Always take along our mesh garbage bags we offer everyone to use. Also, please no styrofoam coolers or glass bottles on the river, and do not cut any live trees. Remember to protect streamside vegetation and leave driftwood and log jams in place.

Let no one say, and say it to your shame, that all was beauty here.....until you came.

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