

Manistee River Currents

From The Banks At Chippewa Landing



Newsletter #15

Summer is finally here. The river is now warm enough for tubes, and I've noticed the crew is in the water more and more. The regulars have got us off to a great start and we've seen some new faces – thank you for your business - .

We have been fortunate enough to host a large Boy Scout group this week, and they are on their way down the river right now on a three day canoe trip that ends at Chippewa Landing where there will spend three days camping. A great bunch of boys and leaders. The weather is going to be perfect for them, warm days with no rain predicted.

The fishing has been great this year with many trout being caught, and a few bonus walleyes. And the wildflowers along the river seem to be all in bloom at the same time.

The eagles that live (and fish) downstream from Chase has been seen on many occasions and the robins that nest in the pavilion are on their second batch of chicks. River life is good. Come out and see for yourselves.

Newsletter #14

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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