

Manistee River Currents

From The Banks At Chippewa Landing



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They called it the Casey Jones Bridge when it was built in 1958 to cross the Manistee River on highway US-131. A major roadway to “up north Michigan” and crossing the straits on the Mackinaw Bridge that was new in 1957. US-131 was called Mackinaw Trail back then and Chippewa Landing was being developed by Charlie Miltner. The canoe livery is still pretty much the same but now we will have a nice new bridge just downstream from us. I wonder if Charlie would have guessed that his canoe livery would last longer than the Casey Jones Bridge which replaced a wooden one lane bridge at the old crossing.

The pictures show the progress since September 8th. It looks to me like they are making some pretty good headway, but my dog Dee doesn't seem to be impressed. She doesn't mind the boat ride but she has to keep moving to be on the lookout for those partridge that are hiding behind every tree!

We are having some great fall colors this year and thanks to all of you enjoying a day trip, and those having a real fall Manistee River experience by taking trips that last multiple days. Camping along the riverside takes a whole new meaning this time of year.

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