

Manistee River Currents

From The Banks At Chippewa Landing



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It feels like summertime has really started now. The water temperature is shooting up and the campground is getting busier and busier every weekend. After an interesting spring that included banks flooded to near record levels and gale force winds we are all ready to sit back, enjoy the river, and launch canoes. Probably the biggest indicator that the summer has started though is that the whole crew is back and working. It was great to see everyone back over Memorial Day weekend. We are really lucky this year; every one of our employees from last year was able to make it back for the summer of 2011. This will give us one of our most experienced crews ever.

Many of the canoeists that we launched this spring decided to bring their fishing rods along with them. Whether they used fly rods, spinning gear or the tried-and-true night crawler on a hook method almost every group has reported some success.

Some of the employees have even started a game with the fish that continually feed directly in front of the Landing... This game starts with the trout feeding all day while the employees work. Then when the canoes are launched, campsites are cleaned, and the day is over the staff members break out their rods. And they even catch a few. That's one of our office girls in the picture with a nice brown.

We've already launched some ambitious canoeists this year. One group, led by Dave Ball, canoed from Sharon Bridge to Harvey Bridge. It took them five days to canoe that beautiful 100 mile stretch, and according to reports from our drivers every one of them was asleep on the ride from Harvey Bridge back to Chippewa Landing. Thanks Dave for bringing a great bunch of hardy canoeists.

The new Old Town 158 canoes that we got this spring have already been a big hit with the campers. On the other hand, the staff certainly has some mixed feelings about them. The comfortable molded seats and seat backs which the canoeists so enjoy make loading and unloading them a chore, but they are definitely worth it. In order to keep up with the quickly-rising popularity of kayaks we have also procured eight brand new Old Town Loon kayaks that are also proving to be a big hit. Most noticeable among the many changes we have made down here this spring is the office. The interior has been remodeled and reorganized in order to make room for this year's new t-shirts, dry bags, and hats so make sure that you pick one up.

One of the biggest perks of working at Chippewa Landing is the relationships that are developed between the campers and the staff. We are really looking forward to seeing some of our old friends here this summer. The Oars and S'mores group, The Chippewa Nature Center, Bill's father and kids weekend, Justin's second trip this year, the Mohawk brothers, and Erwin's family just to name a few. All the new Boy Scout groups that will be enjoying Chippewa Landing for the first time, and all the regulars, new and old, all the groups are really appreciated at Chippewa Landing.

If you have a large camper or RV you are more than welcome to pull it in to one of our rustic campsites down here on the river at Chippewa Landing. But if you prefer to have a full-hookup then Chippewa landing's Oak Grove Camp is the place for you. Located only minutes from Chippewa Landing and the river, Oak Grove is also perfect for hiking and ATV enthusiasts as it lies almost on top of a major ORV trailhead and the famous North Country hiking trail. If you are interested in camping there Danielle, Mike and Tony will be waiting to greet you.

We will be running some specials for the month of June this year. River clean up Tuesday's will run for the entire month of June. We will supply the bags, and the canoes and kayaks will be half off. Twenty dollar canoes and fifteen dollar kayaks, just like the 1960's.

Also Family Thursdays, mom, dad and the kids can rent a raft for \$65 all day long for the month of June on Thursdays. Keep looking on our Chippewa Landing facebook page for other specials.

Give us a call if you want to reserve a campsite at the rustic campground at Chippewa Landing, or our Full Hook-up sites with showers at Oak Grove camp. We hope that you all can get on the river this summer and enjoy a premier trip down the Manistee River in rafts, canoes, kayaks or tubes.

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