

# Manistee River Currents

From The Banks At Chippewa Landing



## Newsletter #33

This winter newsletter took forever to write because winter took forever to get here! We were canoeing, boating, and fishing, right up till January 10<sup>th</sup>. Now the river valley is a blanket of white. Very cool.

The canoe trip January 10<sup>th</sup> was with the diehard river nuts Bill and Roland, and as always with those two it was great fun. The water was very clear and at its wintertime low level. We saw an eagle, ducks, otter, deer, and even caught a brown trout that we returned back into the river. We stopped at the Hopkins creek sand bar for a break and decided to eat lunch at the next big sandbar called "The New Daytona Beach" on account of the old Daytona Beach has been reclaimed by the river and is now under water. The river is always changing, log jams come and go, and bends transform. Anyway the new Daytona Beach is a great big sand bar that created over the last two summers in a very neat spot.

It's great for swimming, eating lunch, and just hanging out. And according to Matt it's pretty good for fishing. He says he catches a fish there every time (really?). This time it was fun figuring out the animal tracks. Deer for sure, and a raccoon we think, and some kind of bird or crane. But no people tracks. Barefoot or otherwise.

The nice thing about a late winter is that spring is not far away. We will have campers in April; we always do at Chippewa Landing. So start planning your river trip. Whether canoeing, a hiking trip and canoeing combination, rafting, kayaking, overnight trips for a day or week, fishing adventures, rustic camping or full hook up camping we can do it at Chippewa Landing.

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