



Manistee River Currents

From The Banks at Chippewa Landing

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Picture left: March 2014, Picture right: March 2013

Even though this is a spring newsletter it seems like this winter won't quit. After the river freezing over early January (very unusual) it opened up a few weeks later. Only to have ice shelves in February so large it prevented any river trips. Then February 28th it froze over again. I haven't seen ice that late ever, but with the night temperatures down to -25 it couldn't stay open. It broke my streak of 9 years being on the river every month.

The livery is a site to see with everything buried in white with a deer path through Kings Corner to behind the Downstream Point Camp where they can be alongside the river for protection from the winds. Enough of that, on to spring.

More new kayaks this year, the popularity seems to continue and this stretch of river is perfect for them.

More Boy Scouts this year. With some camps closing we are the go to spot. We've been for fifty years with big discounts, secluded camps, and an unsettled river that you can canoe for a week without portages or civilization.

More overnight trips this year, including myself. The crew has already been in contact with me and is ready to get on the river for some fishing. And more groups are seeing how easy the Manistee river and Chippewa Landing is for extended overnight trips

More camping this year. Chippewa Landing and Oak Grove fill up fast and we won't crowd the camps. In fact at Oak Grove we purposely leave gaps between our occupied sites for seclusion. And at Chippewa Landing the group sites are naturally separated with woods. It's never too early to call for reservations.

Again this year we have a wedding reception, and a bachelorette party (different weddings). And as always we have many family outings like the Oars and Smores, and the very entertaining Holman group.

And we already have two large groups coming this year that stayed with us years ago and are coming back. They are a little older now; probably a little quieter (which is ok).

It's always a blast here; the night skies a little clearer, camp fires a little warmer, and the days a little longer. So give us a call and we'll get you on the river.

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