



Manistee River Currents

From The Banks at Chippewa Landing

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Spring is upon us and we couldn't be happier! Today was the first 50+ degree day we have seen since the New Year. With a 10-day forecast of temperatures above 45 degrees, we are hopeful for an early river season.

On February 20th, we had our annual winter staff party. Every winter we have a large get-together for all of the staff with their friends and family. Everyone brings a dish to pass, so we have great food and even better conversation. The weather was so nice that we were even able to have a bonfire. Part of the staff party is determining who will be able to come back and work this coming season. As of right now, all of the staff is eager to return, with the exception of our deckhand Garrett who is leaving us to join the Marines with a basic training start date in the beginning of June. We know he will do great things for the Marines and our country and wish him the best of luck.

With the relatively mild winter we have had up here, the river is in great condition for the season. The river remained open all winter, with a small amount of slush for only a two-week period and never completely freezing over. The current snow

melt has only raised the water level slightly, and the river temperature is staying around 38 degrees. We have been able to hit the river almost every day since the middle of February, and even managed to get some fishing time in. The first time we had a few trout in the boat, and Roland had a huge trout follow his lure. Hopefully that is a sign we will have a record breaking trout opening weekend in April.

We have been making reservations every day, with the campgrounds quickly filling up. The first customers of the year are scheduled to come kayaking on April 9th, and with the way the weather has been they are sure to have a great time. We have been watching a large tree that fell all the way across the river just downstream from the Chase Creek launch. We were waiting for Mother Nature to take effect with the hopes that when the water rises, the water would push the tree out of the way- which it did!

A new addition to the canoe livery this year is a trailer that we built specifically for groups going on overnight trips. The trailer features a large, plastic molded box to the base creating a better space for equipment and gear for the overnight trips.

If you haven't made your summer reservation, consider doing so as soon as you have set a weekend for your group. We are looking forward to seeing all of you this summer!

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