

December 26th, 2013:

We just got word from Cyrus Resort and Adrian's Resort that their plowed roads are open to everything. Remember to be safe and not venture off their plow roads.

December 25th, 2013:

Merry Christmas! We hope everyone had a fun and safe Christmas! We had some friends that went out fishing for the day and ended up keeping 14 fish. They said it was slower. We also got word that Adrian's and Cyrus are planning on opening the road to 1/2 ton vehicles tomorrow.

December 23rd, 2013:

Since we didn't have many people fishing the last few days we took this from Lake of the Woods Tourism Bureau: "Multiple limits still being caught daily, with plenty of trophy walleyes in the mix. Fish and fish houses shifted a bit deeper this week. Morning bite 7-10 am and afternoons later than 2 pm still producing the most action. Pick your favorite jig, glow jigs have been hot! Tip hooks with a live shiner or minnow in 22-28 feet of water. Use a dead stick 6" off bottom and an active jigging spoon tipped with minnow head in the other. Electronics helpful in finding those few suspended fish."

December 6th, 2013:

Grant and I (Alyse) have not made it out fishing between our jobs and plowing all the snow out of the way. We did have one guy that went last night and tonight by the airport. He said that fishing was good but they quit biting for him at 4 PM both nights. He ended up keeping 3 fish for today. This morning at 7:30 AM it was -14 degrees and it said it felt like -26 degrees. I think winter is here to stay! The next few days and nights are supposed to be very cold.

December 2nd, 2013:

A group staying with us went out fishing in the evening and said that fishing was good. It sounds like most people fishing the evenings by the airport have been having great nights and bringing some fish in to eat.

December 2nd, 2013:

This is from the Lake of the Woods Tourism site, "We are ice fishing and fishing is great! A solid 8-9 inches of ice on the Zippel Bay, Bostic Bay, Morris and 4 Mile Bay is perfect for heading out on foot or with ATV's and snowmobiles. Trails are marked out on the lake up to 3 miles or about 20' of water with about 7 solid inches of ice. Use resort marked trails when venturing out for safety! Resorts do have lodging available, and permanent houses are predicted to be out later this week! Fishing has been good 15-19 feet of water. Use a pink/gold stop sign or solid gold jig tipped with a minnow. Fish 4-8 inches off bottom.

The Rainy River has 4-6 inches of ice in many spots. Trails have not been marked so be cautious when venturing out. Do not go out on river if you are not sure of ice or area. Fishing has been good from 10-13 feet of water. Use bright colors tipped with a minnow.

Up at the NW Angle ice continues to build. 3-5 inches is most common around most islands, with the inlet up to 6". Safety first! Again, work with resorts marking trails."

November 30th, 2013:

We had some friends that went fishing out on the Lake and ended up catching some nice fish. We heard many stories of wonderful fishing on the lake and evenings were excellent on the River this weekend.

November 27th, 2013:

From Lake of the Woods Tourism Bureau: Current Ice Report...Just spoke to resort owner who measured 6.5" across Four Mile Bay and 5-6" of ice on the lake out from Pine Island to 24 feet of water. A few spots you could tell didn't freeze initially had 4".

November 25th, 2013:

This statement came of Lake of the Woods Tourism Bureau: 4 Mile Bay has 4-5 inches and there is 4-5 inches on the lake walking straight out from Pine Island. Water clarity in shallow water looked good. Morris point 6-7 on bay and 4-5 inches on lake. Zippel Bay has 5-7 inches with 3-4 inches on the lake out about half a mile to 15 feet. Rainy River is frozen and holding snow, but with a strong current is still spotty in most spots. Water is still visible on some parts of the river. Clementson Bay has 2-3 inches of ice. Remember to utilize resorts and marked trails on the ice. Do not venture off of trails. Use proper safety gear. Safety First!

November 18th, 2013:

After the wind we now have no shore ice left or any ice in the river. We had some warmer days and looks like it is going to be getting colder here soon. This morning Jim (Grant's dad) shot a nice 10 point buck weighing 213 pounds.

November 17th, 2013:

A father and son spent the weekend up here hunting and saw one deer on Friday and no deer on Saturday. Switched stands on Sunday morning and the son shot a spike that morning before heading back home.

November 14th, 2013:

We have had some shore ice the last few days and this morning I took this picture at 8:40AM to show some of the ice that is on the Rainy River right in front of us.



November 13th, 2013:

A couple shot a buck today and said they had seen 16 deer since opener morning. They were able to get one to take home with them.

November 9th, 2013:

We hope everyone has a safe Deer Opener! Where Grant hunts one person in their group got a buck for the day.

Here is the buck Mona shot this morning:



November 8th, 2013:

We had a different group of two guys that fished on the main lake today and they said they did really good and that they did catch their limits. They were going to try the river the next day due to the weather was supposed to be snowy.

November 6th, 2013:

I received this email today from a group of 2 guys, "In the three days of fishing we probably caught 100 walleyes as well as some saugers and northernns. The biggest walleye was 24.75, but we caught lots between 19.75 and that one. Sunday and Tuesday were the best days, but even in the rain Monday we probably caught 20 fish. Thank for a nice stay!"

November 2nd, 2013:

One group caught about 50 fish between yesterday and today. With a few bigger walleyes being between 21-23 inches. The weather was a lot nicer today and tomorrow they are talking a high of 50 degrees with winds 20-30 mph out of the SE.

October 27th, 2013:

Fishing has been slower the last few days due to the weather changing so much. Groups are still catching some fish to have a fish fry and take some home with them. Today was a little nicer with some wind. Grant checked his trail cameras today and on one of them was this nice buck taken within the last week or so.



October 22nd, 2013:

This morning the sun was shining and later on in the day we had some snow. Fishing has been pretty good the past few days and that the groups are catching some bigger female walleyes. Some groups are hooking into sturgeon and one perch was caught today. Here is the sunrise this morning from the house and you can see there was still snow on the ground.



October 21st, 2013:

We have snow on the ground this morning with temperatures in the high 20s. This past weekend fishing was pretty good for most of the groups. One group had a big fish fry two nights in a row. The biggest we heard caught was just under 27 inches and one guy caught a 63 inch sturgeon!

This picture was taken at 8:31 AM out the front window of the house looking at highway 11:



October 16th, 2013:

Today ended up being a gorgeous day after the cold morning with frosted windshields. This morning we talked to one of the groups and they said that fishing was slower and that they did a lot better in the evening yesterday so hopefully tonight was better for them. Another group caught their limit of walleyes for the day which were all nice sized ones. Many locals have spent the last few evening fishing on the river and said it was been so good getting their limits in a few hours!! We hope to get more pictures sometime soon from groups. Remember to email them to royal_dutchman@hotmail.com! Thank you so much! Here's to a busy weekend and hopefully good fishing and nice weather

October 15th, 2013:

Despite the cooler temps we had today two different groups had a good day of fishing. The biggest one we heard of was just under 23 inches. A group said they caught about 40 fish just in the afternoon and evening.

October 14th, 2013:

We had one group that went out fishing and ended up catching some nice ones for supper. We didn't hear of any big fish being caught and we ended up with some rain again.

October 13th, 2013:

Most of our people went home this day but we had 2 guys that fished the morning and didn't have very good luck. A friend of ours also went out fishing and didn't have much luck. It seemed like fishing slowed down a bit after the rain and the cooler temps.

October 12th, 2013:

Most of the day it was lightly raining and fishing had slowed down for some groups and other groups said they did well. They are hoping that tomorrow will be nicer and the walleyes will be biting for them.

October 11th, 2013:

Despite the wind and rain later in the day most groups still caught some nice keeper walleyes. One group enjoyed fried fish for supper.

October 10th, 2013:

Everyone that was out fishing had a good day of fishing. With some slot fish in the 20s being caught and a sturgeon they guess was 50 inches plus. Everyone caught some fish to keep and either take home or have for supper. The biggest walleye we heard that was caught was 23 inches.

October 9th, 2013:

Today was another beautiful day on the River. Can't believe how last week it was so cold and now it's been so nice...I guess that is how it is all the time in Minnesota though. One group said they saw shiners "boiling" by the airport during their stay so far. This same group has had wonderful fishing with their biggest walleye being 26 inches so far. This group also caught quite a few walleyes that were 19.5"-20" that were released and kept mainly 17-19 inch walleyes. There was a sturgeon caught but they didn't have a good way to get it in the boat to measure it but he said it looked 60 plus inches alongside the boat. Here is a picture of part of the days catch:



October 8th, 2013:

A couple said that fishing was very good for day. Another group also had a nice day of fishing with beautiful weather. There were shiners in front of the house last night along with

sturgeon jumping.

October 6th, 2013:

The shiners are starting to move up the river so the walleye are starting to move in. We have a group of 4 guys that were out fishing today and yesterday that caught quite a few walleyes and even kept their limits for supper.

September 30th, 2013:

Here is what Gary emailed us about their stay, "Thank you for the Sturgeon fishing pointers. We had a blast. We boated 8 fish in a couple half days of fishing and had a blast. Most of the fish were in the 50's inches and our biggest two measured 55 inches. We will be back. Thanks again. Gary"

September 28th, 2013:

Despite the rain some of the guys went and fished out on the lake and caught some walleye. They braved the weather and even went out later in the day on the river for sturgeon. We had one group that caught one that made it to the freezer. Overall, they caught some nice sturgeon and walleyes.

September 24th, 2013:

The same group went out again for most of the day and caught 12 Sturgeon and were able to catch 2 that they could keep. They are still biting. We have a weekend full of fishermen this weekend and wish them all the best of luck in catching fish and getting a keeper sturgeon!

September 23rd, 2013:

We had a group come up early in the morning and ended the day with a 60 inch sturgeon and 2 smaller ones. Here is Kandy with her 60 inch sturgeon for the first day fishing!



September 16th, 2013:

I just posted some sturgeon pictures that the guys from WI emailed me. Here is what they caught for their stay from September 7th-13th. They caught a total of 44 sturgeon with 24 of them being between 40-63 inches. They also caught some walleye and small mouth bass to take home with them.

September 10th, 2013:

I talked to the WI sturgeon fishermen today and they caught 11 sturgeon yesterday with the biggest one being 63 inches! They had a triple header which was a 40, 43 and half, and 44 and half! They had a double header which included a 50 inch sturgeon! They didn't catch any sturgeon to tag though but they came in with 5 walleyes and 5 small mouth bass. The first walleye that was caught was 20 and half inches and the guy was bummed he had to release it! I talked to another group that is putting two sturgeon in the freezer that they caught! They are biting!!

September 9th, 2013:

Today it rained and misted for most of the day. We got a little over half an inch here but that didn't stop the sturgeon guys. They did go out in the afternoon and stayed out into the night so we will have to wait and see how the night bite was until I talk to them. I hope they stayed dried as some of them didn't bring rain gear.

September 8th, 2013:

After visiting with the WI sturgeon fishermen they told us they caught one for the freezer that was over 48 inches on the 7th. They have caught about 6 sturgeon as of today with the biggest one being caught by Joe which was 61 and 1/4 inches! They also had one that was really close to 45 inches and let it go because some guys said it was just under 45 and some said it was just over 45. They will hopefully be sending us pictures.

September 6th, 2013:

Earlier this week we had a father and daughter that spent 3 and half days fishing for sturgeon. They caught over 41 of them during their stay with us. Another group we talked to caught two 54 inch sturgeon on Tuesday and caught a few in the morning on Wednesday. They are out there!!! Grant went fishing on Wednesday night and they caught some smaller sturgeon. Then on Thursday night Grant's dad went out for some walleye and came in with his limit mainly being saugers but did catch one keeper walleye. Friday was a slower day on the lake for everyone and Grant's dad didn't have as good of luck on the river that night. Hope to have a sturgeon report tomorrow for everyone from our WI group! The weather was nice today except the wind could have been a little calmer.

August 23rd, 2013:

The Sturgeon are biting right off the dock! We had a couple catch a 57 1/2 inch sturgeon right before 5 PM. We talked to a few people that were fishing a few weeks ago for sturgeon and they filled 4 tags. Grant and I hope to get out there in the next few nights to fill up our tags!



August 4th, 2013:

Yesterday despite the wind fishing was really good down rigging and pretty good bait fishing with spinners. Today fishing was slower because it was so calm out on the lake.

June 4th, 2013:

We went fishing tonight with Alyse's family for less than 2 hours. We were near Pine Island in about 10 feet of water and just jigging with a frozen shiner. Grant caught a walleye that was just over 25 inches, Jason (Alyse's brother) caught a walleye that was about 24 inches. We ended up catching a lot of smaller walleyes but ended up keeping 9 fish. Everyone was able to catch fish and when we were done we even fed the birds the left over shiners we had with.

We also heard that people are catching their limits on the Rainy River right off their dock in about 5 feet of water. The water is still high on the River but is starting to clear up.

May 24th, 2013:

River fishing had been really good until we got the 3 inches of rain this past weekend. The River is high and dirty but they are biting out on the lake. With many slot fish being caught throughout the day.

April 29th, 2013:

Grant took me out fishing yesterday for about an hour and 20 mins. I had a few bites and finally hooked one that fought for 35 minutes before we finally got it in the boat. Thank you Grant for convincing me to go out fishing! Here is the 56 inch Sturgeon I caught yesterday and Grant was a great help reeling for a few minutes and then landing the sturgeon in the boat!



April 6th, 2013:

Some groups had a good day fishing averaging about 50 fish a boat. We heard of more slot fish being caught. One group caught two 28 inch walleyes, three 26 inch walleyes, and one 25 inch walleye with some smaller slot sizes too. Another group got a 27 inch for the biggest walleye for the day. We counted the vehicles at the landings and there were 144 at Frontier and 162 at Birchdale. Spring fishing has begun and hopefully we hear more reports of bigger slot fish being caught.

April 4th, 2013:

Most groups that fished yesterday were saying the morning was the best time to be out there. Some groups had a really good day while others weren't as lucky. Groups are averaging 30-60 fish a day with some slot fish being caught.

April 1st, 2013:

Fishing this past weekend averaged about 50-60 fish a boat with some guys doing good and some doing not so good. We heard of some slot fish, suckers, and sturgeon being caught. We have heard gold and/or silver have been the color choice.

Here is a picture of a 48 inch Sturgeon caught on March 30th:



March 11th, 2013:

Check out the river conditions for a new update on the ice going out. Fishing has been good up at the reefs while down on the south end is still proving to be spotty. We had a group up these past few days and fished Northerns over by Warroad and caught some slot fish but we never heard of them catching one for the wall.

February 27th, 2013:

Fishing is still spotty on the south end of the lake and they are catching some walleyes in shallow right before dark still. The reefs have been good the last couple of days and maybe it is due to the nice weather we have been having. It has been in the 30s the last couple of days actually the cable said it was 51 degrees yesterday!! I am so excited with these spring temperatures I just hope the stay around!

February 15th, 2013:

It's been exactly one year since we purchased Royal Dutchman Resort and we would like to thank everyone we have met and who has helped us along the way! Fishing has been spotty lately with the Reefs showing more fish. It seems that fishing is getting a little better every day but still have spotty days. Going in shallow in the evenings is also a good place for the walleye bite.

January 21st, 2013:

Fishing has been spotty still the last week with a quite a few tulips being caught lately. My brother and his friend went out fishing for part of the day and caught 5 fish, missed a few, and kept 3 to eat. The biggest one they caught was a 16 inch walleye. It got down to -23 degrees last night and tonight is supposed to be even colder and then this weekend it is supposed to be warming up.

January 13th, 2013:

On Friday we had some rain followed by some snow in the evening that lasted most of the night. At one point it was a white out and you couldn't see too far in front of you. The lake received quite a bit more snow than we did here. The fishing has been spotty but there were

some slot fish caught this past weekend. The temps look like winter is here to stay and will be cold the next 10 days.

January 2nd, 2013:

We hope everyone had a good New Year! Fishing this past weekend was spotty some days with mainly saugers being caught. Some people that caught walleyes caught some nice slot ones. We had a lot of cold nights and many of the resorts are opening their roads to half ton and 3/4 ton truck with restrictions on the size of the wheel house. We also have heard that Adrian's Resort is allowing 1/2 ton and 3/4 ton vehicles pulling wheel houses up to 22 feet long are allowed on their road. Always check with the resorts when traveling on their road to be safe. We are looking forward to another busy weekend and hopefully we will have some good fishing stories to tell you.