

April 10th, 2013:

Hey Everyone! Sorry I didn't get time to post on here yesterday but Vidas Landing just past Clementson is open to big boats. It opened up yesterday morning. Yesterday morning we could see open water just around the bend by our house. This morning it is a lot closer and hopefully by the end of the day it will be past us. These are pictures taken off our front porch area.





April 7th, 2013:

Vidas Landing is now open to pushing boats off the shore ice. Here is what it looked like at 2:20 PM today. Sounds like people are catching fish according to Grant's dad and a friend they saw other boats catching quite a few fish.

Vidas Landing:



April 6th, 2013:

Hey everyone we had some problems with the internet today so I wasn't able to post these but these pictures and report are from the 6th I just don't want to confuse anyone thinking the date was wrong because they weren't up yesterday. We did get some snow this morning but it didn't stay around too long. The River is now open 1.4 miles East of Vidas Landing. Both accesses are open at Birchdale too! 1.4 miles east of Vidas Landing:



Frontier Landing:



Birchdale Landing:



This morning:



April 5th, 2013:

As of this afternoon Frontier is now open to big boats also. From the road Grant figures the River is wide open 3 miles East of Vidas Landing but wasn't able to find where it ended. There were some guys out ice fishing in front of Vidas. We talked to a few groups already today and one said that morning was really good while another group didn't catch many for the few hours they were out there.

Frontier Landing:



All the boats in front of Frontier Landing:



Vidas Landing not open yet:



April 3rd, 2013:

The Birchdale Landing is open to big boats! Frontier still has some shore ice so boats are pushing off there. The River is open about 4 miles West of Frontier so it hasn't moved much in the last few days. The forecast is calling for some warmer temperatures! Some groups seemed to have a good day yesterday while other groups weren't as lucky. It was a cold and windy day for them yesterday!

Birchdale Landing:



Frontier Landing:



Spring Fishing has begun:



April 2nd, 2013:

The Birchdale Landing was being cleaned out with equipment this morning and should be ready for big boats later today or tomorrow morning. Frontier Landing still has some shore ice and they are pushing boats in. When we arrived at Frontier there was a 17 foot Alumacraft that had been pushed across the ice. The River is open 4 miles West of Frontier it is getting very close to the white church on the Canadian side.

Here is Birchdale:



Frontier Landing:



4 miles west of Frontier:



April 1st, 2013:

We didn't go check the river yesterday because we spent time with family. Today the river is open about 3.5 miles West of Frontier Landing. They are pushing boats in at Froniter and Birchdale still. We did talk to a county worker and he said there was someone coming from International Falls to clean out the Birchdale Landing but it would probably be a while on the Frontier Landing as there is still quite a bit of shore ice. We will know tomorrow if the landing was cleaned out for big boats. 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.

Here is Birchdale Landing:



Frontier Landing:



Looking to the West at Frontier Landing:



The County worker plowing out the road and spots at Frontier:



March 30th, 2013:

We went and took pictures of the River this morning around 10:30 AM and the temperature was around 35 degrees. The River is open about 1 mile east of Frontier hoping to be able to push boats off at this landing tomorrow. The shore ice at Birchdale is less than yesterday but still pretty thick by shore so it will probably be a few days until it gets open up for big boats.

Birchdale Landing:



Franz Jevne:



A mile east of Frontier looking to the west:



A mile east of Frontier looking to the West with all the boats fishing:



March 29th, 2013:

I (Alyse) went and checked the River Conditions about 9:45AM and the car kept reading the temperature as 35 degrees which could be right as the one in our house is reading 38 degrees. The river keeps opening up a few miles every day. It is open 4.3 miles West of Birchdale Landing and 3.6 miles East of Frontier Landing. While I was driving yesterday I saw 2 bald eagles with a huge nest and never got a good picture so this morning I watched for them again and I was able to get one but there was only one eagle there. Also when I stopped to take a picture of where the river ended for being open there were 7 deer on the ice and not even a mile west of the open water. The deer were off the ice when I came back home they were being brave as the ice was yellowish color and looking like it would be gone in a few hours. I talked to the same guy as I did yesterday in Birchdale and he said that they did really good fishing yesterday and it doesn't sound like they were out all day either.

Here is 4.3 miles (between mile markers 151 and 152) West of Birchdale Landing this is looking to the East :



Here are the deer just to the west of the open water:



Birchdale Landing there isn't as much shore ice today:



Franz Jevne has less shore ice from yesterday:



The Bald Eagle and the nest from this morning this is just before the 150 mile marker when heading East:



March 28th, 2013:

I (Alyse) headed East to check on the River Conditions and took pictures just before 10 AM and the temperature was around 27 degrees according to the car. The River has opened up in front of Birchdale and to the west a little there is one frozen spot and then open water again. There are weak spots west of Birchdale that you can see along Highway 11 on your way to Froniter. I did talk to a local from Birchdale that had been out fishing and he said he did good last night which is a good thing to hear! Here are two boats that were putting in when I first arrived at Birchdale Landing:



Here is to the east:



The frozen spot just to the west of Birchdale:



This is to the west of Birchdale:



Showing the shore ice at Franz Jevne with a boat that is going to go fishing later today:



March 27th, 2013:

We went out about 10:45 AM to check on the River Conditions today. The temperature is about 28 degrees. We first stopped at Birchdale Landing and talked to some people that were up to open water fish and weren't able to get out yet so they were going to try ice fishing today and hopefully tomorrow be able to push the boat in the water. Franz Jevne has about 50 yards of shore ice yet but there is open water and the rapids to the west of there are open. Grant figures by this weekend you will be able to push a boat out at Franz Jevne and Birchdale Landing.

These two pictures are taken at the top of the Birchdale Landing there is water in sight:





These pictures were taken in front of Franz Jevne:

This one is showing the shore ice and that a boat is patiently waiting for it to open up (taken to the east)



This is pretty much straight in front of Franz Jevne of a duck flying by



This is of the rapids to the west



March 25th, 2013:

We went and checked the River Conditions and we have some good news it opened up almost 2.7 miles since Friday! That means it's getting closer to Birchdale Landing! It is almost 5 miles East of Birchdale! We took the pictures around noon and the temperature was 29 degrees and the 10 day forecast looks like warm weather is here to stay with highs in the 30s and 40s! This is good news for everyone spring has finally decided to come. Grant thinks you will be able to push boats down at Franz Jevne State Park this weekend.

Here is a picture in front of Franz Jevne State Park:



Here are pictures of every direction 5 miles East of the Birchdale Landing: (we do have a high zoom on the camera for the first picture here)







March 22nd, 2013:

We went and checked the River Conditions again and we hate to say it but it is still the exact same as the last time we went. It is open 7.7 miles east of Birchdale Landing and it is still froze up looking to the west. It was 21 degrees when we took the pictures today and the forecast is looking like we are going to have highs in the 30s for the at least the next 10 days!

Looking to the East:



Looking Straight:



Looking to the West:



March 19th, 2013:

The last few days we have gotten phone calls asking if the river really was open at 5 miles east of Birchdale as they had heard it was open that far on Saturday. We also saw this posted on many forums. We decided to venture out on this blustery day and see if it was open. I have some bad news, as much snow as there is on the ice 5 miles east of Birchdale we believe it was never open there. Also where Grant took pictures last Thursday it was froze up to the west now.

By road from the Birchdale Landing this is what it looked like at 5 miles:



This is how much snow we walked through to get this the above picture:



Here is the spot where the river was open Thursday March 14th about 7.7 miles of the Birchdale Landing looking to the east:



This one is looking to the west where it froze up:



March 14th, 2013:

Grant went to take some pictures of the river around Noon today. The river is now open 7.7 miles east of the Birchdale Landing. It opened almost a mile in 3 days let's hope for some nice warm weather!

These two pictures were taken in front of Franz Jevne State Park:





These two pictures were taken about 7.7 miles east of the Birchdale Landing:
This one is looking East...If you can see the little specks of black near the snow/water line those are ducks.



This picture is looking to the west



March 11th, 2013:

We went to International Falls today and decided it was about that time to start checking on the river conditions. We had heard it was open to Indus but never saw pictures or ventured out to check. From what we could see from the road the river is open 8.5 miles east of the Birchdale Landing.

Here is a picture we took which is about 11 miles east of the Birchdale Landing it was the only open spot where we could get a good picture of the river:

