

April 23rd, 2014:

Sturgeon season starts tomorrow where you can keep one for the calendar year! Check under the Fishing Seasons for sizes. Also with both forks open I never saw debris coming down the river today. So hopefully it will be lucky this year and not have to deal with all the logs. Also be sure to check out the fishing report as a guy staying with us caught a 73 inch sturgeon and I hope to have pictures from him soon!

April 22nd, 2014:

Just got word about 3:30 PM that both the big fork and little fork are open.... There is not much debris coming past our house as of 3:45 PM. Grant checked the river just before dark and didn't see any debris coming down the river. The water looked a little cloudy/dirty.

April 21st, 2014:

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter! We were able to spend time with Alyse's family for the weekend. We did get word that the river is open past Wheelers Point it opened up quick in a few days. A group that was fishing today mentioned the river was a little dirty but not bad at all.

April 18th, 2014:

When we woke up this morning almost all the shore ice was gone and you were able to get to the docks with a boat.

April 16th, 2014:

Late afternoon the river open up in front of our house!! There is still shore ice and the dock isn't quite open yet but it is open at least!

April 14th, 2014:

Today is the last day of Walleye Fishing until the opener in May! We would like to thank everyone for the kind words and having fun even if fishing was slow most of the days. Now it's time to think about Sturgeon Fishing which is catch and release right now and the season is open April 24-May 7! We can now see open water from the front door! It is just starting to come around the bend.

Open water will be in front of our docks soon:



In front of our docks:



April 11th, 2014:

The Frontier Landing is now open to all boats!! Grant checked the River about 1:45 PM and it is about 4 miles West of Frontier just in front of the White Church on the Canadian side. The sun is shining this afternoon after being cloudy most of the day.

Last night some of the guests told us that fishing was slower today (April 10th) than on Wednesday. Still some nice ones caught with many in the mid-20s still. Also some groups reported catching some sturgeon while fishing for walleyes.

Frontier Landing open for all boats:



About 4 miles West of Frontier Landing near the White Church:



Looking to the east at the end of open water by the white church:



Lots of boats out fishing just to the west of Frontier Landing. Good luck everyone fishing!



April 10th, 2014:

Sorry we weren't able to get out and take pictures of the River yesterday we both were busy and didn't want to leave with all the check-ins. Grant was able to go just before noon and check it out. The temperature was in the mid-40s and it has been windy all day. The River is open just less than a mile west of Frontier and the ramp isn't open to big boats as of noon today. Be sure to keep an eye on the Fishing Reports! Hope to have an update later tonight or tomorrow morning! Thank you everyone and hope you have a great time fishing!

Ramp at Frontier:



The end of the River which is just less than a mile west of Frontier:



Some boats near Frontier:



April 8th, 2014:

Just got word from our cousin at about 11:20AM that small boats can get in at Birchdale Landing (pushing off the shore ice) and that the guy opening the access is hoping by the end of today it will be open for big boats! We will wait until later this evening to go check the river and the access so we can have pictures of what it looks like when they are done clearing it out. Thank you to the Koochiching County worker for clearing out the access!

We were able to check the River around 4 PM today after we had received word that the Birchdale Landing is open to all boats! The River is open about 3 miles west of Birchdale Landing and has about 5 miles until it is in front of Frontier Landing.

Birchdale Landing all cleared out and ready for all boats:



Looking to the east at Birchdale Landing:



Looking to the west at Birchdale Landing:



This is about the end of the open water which is by the wayside rest just west of Birchdale showing the geese enjoying the open water:



April 7th, 2014:

We checked the river just before 4 PM and there is open water in front of Birchdale Landing! The temperature when we got there was 42 degrees and the sun is shining. On our weather station at home said it was in the low 50s today. You can see the end of the open water just to the west of Birchdale Landing. We talked to a guy from Birchdale that said Koochiching County is going try to bring a bigger hoe and break up the shore ice at Birchdale Landing tomorrow. There are people pushing small boats off the shore ice at Franz Jevne. We will go back tomorrow mid-morning or early afternoon and see if they were able to open the Landing at Birchdale.

Here is Birchdale Landing showing how much shore ice there is:



Looking to the East at Birchdale Landing:



This is looking to the West at Birchdale Landing showing where the water ends:



The back parking lot is plowed out now along with some of the campsites:



Franz Jevne showing that people are dragging small boats into the river:



April 6th, 2014:

We checked the river around 2:40 PM and went right back to the spot that was about 5 miles. There is open water there now!! There aren't many roads to go down to check the river between Franz Jevne and this spot but we did find one that got us close to the river. We found that the river ended just 3 miles east of Birchdale Landing so it opened up just over 4 miles in less than 48 hours. I am really sorry that the pictures aren't as good as they normally are but I (Alyse) forgot the SD card for our big camera in the computer and we had to use our cell phones.

Here is about 3 miles East of Birchdale Landing looking straight ahead:



Here is 3 miles looking to the west and you can barely see there is open water:



Here is about 5.1 miles east of Birchdale Landing where less than 48 hours was completely snow covered with no signs of open water:



April 4th, 2014:

I made the trip east to check the river because we had calls asking if it was 5 miles east of Birchdale Landing. I hate to inform everyone I did go 5.1 miles east of Birchdale Landing and all I saw was snow and no signs of open water. These pictures were taken just before 4 PM and temperature was 38 degrees the whole time. I was able to see open water about 7.3 miles east of Birchdale Landing and then I wasn't able to see the river anymore. So it might be a little bit closer to Birchdale Landing but I know for sure there was still open water at this point.

I took this picture at 7.5 miles east of Birchdale Landing because it didn't have as many trees blocking my view:



Here is 5.1 miles east of Birchdale Landing showing that there is still snow and no signs of open water. I know this picture isn't great but I tried walking down the long hill but it was up past my knee and very wet snow so I didn't go down the hill. It's hard to see where the river is but it is right behind all the trees:



April 3rd, 2014:

We had temperatures in the high 30s today but it was cloudy most of the day. We went and checked the river about 4 PM and hate to inform everyone that it has maybe moved 2/10 of a mile making it 8.5 miles east of Birchdale Landing.

Here is a picture of the end at the Manitou Rapids:



Here is the same spot but just zoomed in:



April 1st, 2014:

We woke up this morning to at least 12 inches of fresh snow but the further east Grant drove the less snow they had gotten. Kuttles Landing in Pelland looked like it maybe got 2 inches of fresh snow. When Grant was plowing today he had seen it was 31 degrees and the sun was shining but very windy today. Grant checked the River and it is open 8.7 miles east of Birchdale. In 6 days the river opened 9.1 miles!! Kuttles Landing in Pelland has some thin shore ice that got blown in from the wind the last two days.

This is showing the end of the open water which is 8.7 miles east of Birchdale this is looking to the west:



This is 8.7 miles from Birchdale Landing looking to the East:



Here is 17.8 miles where we took the last pictures 6 days ago showing how much it has opened up:



Kuttles Landing in Pelland:



March 26, 2014:

Grant went and checked the River just after 4PM today. He went back to the same spot that we took pictures which was 17.8 miles East of Birchdale Landing. He also went to the Kuttus Landing in Pelland, MN and took some pictures.

Here are some pictures at 17.8 miles East of Birchdale Landing:



This picture is also 17.8 miles east of Birchdale Landing showing the end and where the ice is again:



Kuttus Landing in Pelland, MN:



March 23, 2014:

Around noon today we went and checked the river conditions. We have had many calls and questions wondering if we are really a head of last year as other places have told them this. I want to let everyone know that we are not a head of schedule compared to last year. The River is about 10 miles further east than it was in 2013 if you would like to view last year's River information just scroll down further on this page.

Now onto the information you are wanting for this year. We found open water that is 17.8 miles East of Birchdale Landing. The rapids at Franz Jevne had some open water.

Here is open water we found that is 17.8 miles East of Birchdale:



Here is a picture showing the rapids are only open at Franz Jevne which is 1.9 miles east of Birchdale:



March 19th, 2014:

We had some friends that drive from International Falls during the week and stopped to take a picture of the River for us. It means a lot to us and thank you so much guys! They said the river was open just west of Loman so which makes it about 20.5 miles East of Birchdale Landing.

This picture is taken approximately 20.5 miles East of Birchdale Landing and its showing some ice that is left in this spot:



March 16th, 2014:

My mom (Alyse's mom) and I ventured to International Falls today to check on the River Conditions. From where you can tell the River is open at Big Fork and to the west of there. For sure the

river is open 25.8 miles east of Birchdale Landing. But you can tell the River is open to the west of the Big Fork so at Loman Rest Stop I walked thru the hard snow up to my knees to see if I could see open water, the snow was yellow and slushy looking. So making a guess it is open somewhere between 21.6 to 25.8 miles east of Birchdale Landing there just was nowhere to stop for picture or that you could see the River from the road. Also we just wanted to remind everyone we won't be doing daily checks yet because it is just over 100 miles round trip.

Here is picture at Loman in the Rest area (21.6 miles east of Birchdale Landing) showing the ice is yellowish and disappearing but not quite all the way open yet:





Here is a view right off the bridge at the Big Fork River which is 25.8 miles East of Birchdale Landing:



This is 27.7 miles East of Birchdale Landing just showing how much the River is open it was hard to find a spot to take a good picture:



March 15th, 2014:

We had a report from a customer that the Rainy River is open what he thought was about 23 miles east of Birchdale Landing/Nelson Park. We are going tomorrow to find out for sure and take pictures. Make sure to check back tomorrow evening for an update. Hopefully this winter storm for Monday Night and into Tuesday goes south of us as I am sick of winter and ready for some spring weather and fishing!

March 14th, 2014:

I just wanted to let everyone know that we are going on Sunday to check the River Conditions and will post information and pictures of what we see! Yesterday I saw it was up to 56 degrees and now today it is in the 20s and windy. Hoping those low temperatures for night that are below zero change so spring can come faster for everyone!

March 12th, 2014:

Hello Everyone! I am sure you are waiting patiently to read news on the Rainy River just like we are waiting for it to start opening up and taking our daily trips to get pictures. We hope everyone has had a safe and fun winter! Keep checking back for updates on the River Conditions. Lately we have had some nice weather than has melted some of the snow but there is still quite a bit of snow on the river in front of our place.