

March 27th, 2016:

Water seems to be starting to clear up some which is great news! A group that fished by Birchdale and Frontier said they could see about 15 inches down.

March 22nd, 2016:

Wheeler's Point Resort & Lodge posted on Facebook that the Wheelers Point Access is open to all boats. The water is still dirty from what customers have said and it didn't seem to matter if they were closer to the lake or going east.

March 18th, 2016:

Frontier Landing and Timber Mill Landing are now open to all boats. It sounds like the water clarity by Birchdale is worse than yesterday one group said they could only see a few inches down while others said 6 inches.

Here is Timber Mill Landing about 1:30:



March 17th, 2016:

We probably got about 10-11 inches of snow. Grant went and checked Vidas Landing about 10:30am and it is open to all boats. We will try and report more if we hear from the groups that were fishing today. A friend sent us a picture of Timber Mill's Landing about 3:45pm they were working on it. Grant went and checked about 5:00 pm and the road is plowed but there is still shore ice so boats are only able to push off there at this point. We still haven't heard or had time to go check on Frontier Landing to see if it is open to all boats. At this time we believe they are still pushing off at Frontier.

Here is Vidas Landing at 10:30am:



Here is Timber Mill Park at 3:45 pm:



Timber Mill at 5:00 pm still shore ice so only open to boats pushing off the ice:



March 16th, 2016:

We have open water at our place and it is just starting to snow a little before 9:00 am. The dock still has ice around it. Later today we heard that Vidas Landing is open to all boats and from the sounds of it Frontier Landing still has shore ice.

Here is looking to the west off our front deck:



Here is looking to the east off our front deck:



March 15th, 2016:

We checked the river about 12:30pm today and found open water in front of Vidas Landing and it is open a few miles west of that landing. The only access that was open to all boats is still Birchdale Landing. It has been raining for most of the day and looks like tomorrow we could have some more rain and snow.

Here is Frontier Landing:



Here is Vidas Landing:





March 14th, 2016:

We went and checked the river today and were able to get in a few hours of fishing in the 60 degree weather (check the fishing report and the Spring Fishing pictures). Birchdale is open to all boats as of early this morning and there is talk that the county is going to go in on Wednesday and open up Frontier. If you wanted to you could push a boat off the shore ice at Frontier. We checked at Vidas Landing and it is getting close to having open water but it is still froze. We are not sure how far the river is west of Frontier but it was open from the last point you could see the river from the highway. Tomorrow they are calling for a high of 47 degrees and 90% chance of rain and then on Wednesday a high of 36 degrees and 80% chance of rain/snow.

Here is Birchdale Landing:



Here is Frontier Landing:



Here is Vidas Landing:



March 13th, 2016:

Grant's dad went and checked the river today and said there was open water 2.7 miles east of Frontier Landing. Birchdale is open for boats to push over the shore ice but as of noon today no one had pushed boats in yet. We have had some misting rain and little down pour today as of 4:00pm.

Here is straight out at Birchdale Landing:



Here is looking to the east at Birchdale Landing:



Here is looking to the west at Birchdale Landing:



March 12th, 2016:

Grant and a friend went and checked the river around 3:00 pm today there was some open water but not a lot in front of the landing at Birchdale. There were boats that had pushed over the shore ice at Franz Jevne and Grant figures there is probably about 10 yards of shore ice. The boats were not able to get all the way to the landing as there was some ice in the way yet. We were in the high 50s today and now tomorrow they are calling for a high of 47 degrees and rain.

Here is looking just west at Birchdale Landing you can see there isn't much open water:



Here is looking to the east at Birchdale Landing:





Looking to the west at Franz Jevne:



Looking to the east at Franz Jevne:



March 10th, 2016:

We checked the river later this afternoon and found open water about 3 miles east of Birchdale Landing. We believe it might be closer to 2 miles from Birchdale as it looks like it could be open all the way to Franz Jevne now but it was hard to tell for sure. It was cloudy for most of the morning but we ended up seeing some sun later in the day and the temperature was 40 degrees when we went to check the river. When we went to Birchdale Landing you could not see any open water to the east so it wasn't quite there yet but after these next few warm days we are hoping it will be open to Birchdale or even past there.

Here is 3 miles east of Birchdale Landing looking to the east:



Here is a picture 3 miles east of Birchdale Landing looking to the west. This was zoomed all the way in on my camera to show where it looked like it might end:



March 9th, 2016:

I went and checked the river around noon today and the temperature was anywhere between 29 degrees and 31 degrees and has been cloudy so far today. We did get some rain yesterday but the ground has soaked up all the water puddles in the yard. As of this afternoon the river is open about 7 miles east of Birchdale Landing. The pictures I took are at 7.4 miles and you could see open water close to the plant on the Canadian side. There are a few miles where you can't see the river or really get down to it so I am guessing it is around 7 miles. For those wondering about pushing their boats off the ice at Franz Jevne the river is open to the east less than a mile as I found the river frozen exactly a mile east of Franz Jevne. The river is open about 5 miles east of Franz Jevne. Today's forecast is cloudy with a high of 34 degrees and a low of 18 degrees tonight. Tomorrow (March 10th) looks to be nice as it is going to be partly cloudy with a high of 46 degrees and a low of 32 degrees tomorrow night. This weekend they are predicting we are supposed to get in the 50s so that will help open up the river.

This picture is 7.4 miles from Birchdale Landing (best place to get a picture) looking to the west to show there is still open water. If you look closely you can see the plant on the Canadian side:



Here is looking straight 7.4 miles east of Birchdale Landing:



Franz Jevne looking to the east:



Birchdale Landing had some open spots of water it looked like on the Canadian side:





March 7th, 2016:

We had a friend check on the river for us today and she sent us a message saying it was 10 miles east of Birchdale. Grant decided since it was so nice and we had some free time that we would go check it also. The river is open 10 miles east of Birchdale Landing and Franz Jevne looked the same as last time we checked. We did check at the Manitou Rapids and it is still frozen coming into the rapids.

This picture is from our friend and is 10 miles east of Birchdale Landing looking straight:



This picture is 10 miles east of Birchdale Landing just looking to the east to show more of the open water:



March 2nd, 2016:

Grant and I headed over to International Falls this afternoon to check on the river. We hate to say we don't feel the river has moved at all because of the cold days and nights we have had. It looks like a lot of the spots have refroze as you will be able to see in the Kuttles Landing picture. We could see quite a bit of open water at the Big Fork which is 25 miles east of Birchdale. There is a point west of Loman where you can't see the river for quite a while and we feel the river is open around 18.2 miles east of Birchdale and in spots it looks to have refroze. The open water is 41.3 miles east of our place. Since the river hasn't moved much we most likely will not check it until mid-week next week. Unless we get word from some friends that it has moved quite a bit then we will make the trip again. Here are the picture we were able to get.

**Kuttles Landing in Pelland you can see it refroze and is not wide open today:**



**Here is what it looked like 14 miles east of Birchdale Landing, it was very spotty for another 3 miles towards Birchdale with big spots that were open but it is not open the entire way there are sections to the east where it is completely froze still:**



**There was an open spot at the Manitou Rapids:**



**There was some open water at Franz Jevne:**



February 26th, 2016:

Grant's dad, Jim went to International Falls today and checked the river at Pelland Landing and where the open water was. He said he could see open water 2.5 miles west of Loman,

MN. Here is a picture of Pelland Landing from today:

