

*March 24th, 2017:*

*The river opened up past the International bridge in town. Grant checked the Timber Mill Landing at the city park but there was still shore ice. Hoping it gets cleared out soon! Keep an eye on our fishing reports now as that is where we mainly will be posting! Thank you everyone!*

*March 23rd, 2017:*

*Vidas, Frontier, and Nelson (Birchdale) Landing are open to all boats! Last night we could see water just around the bend to the east of our place. This morning there was open water in front of our house and by the end of the day we could not see any ice to the west when looking from the river bank in front of the house.*

*Grant took this picture before he headed off to work for the day:*



*March 21st, 2017:*

*Grant and I were able to go check the river around 4:30pm and found that there is open water 1.8 miles West of Vidas Landing. We are thinking by tomorrow evening we should have open water in front of our house (4.3 miles away from our house). The county did not open up Frontier today so hopefully tomorrow or Thursday they will be able to get in there and open it up. We did hear that Kuttles Landing by Pelland Junction is also open for bigger boats and of course Birchdale Landing is open for all boats.*

*Here is Vidas Landing:*



*Here is Frontier Landing:*



*Here is Birchdale Landing:*



*March 20th, 2017:*

*Grant talked to his cousin who knows the guy that works for the county and said they opened up Birchdale Landing this morning. We did see a picture that Lake of the Woods Tourism posted on Facebook showing the landing was open for all boats. Grant's cousin also this guy said the plan is to hopefully get Frontier Landing open for all boats tomorrow. We had some projects that we had to get done around here before a busy weekend so we were not able to get to Birchdale today. We are hoping to go tomorrow afternoon and will have pictures to share of Frontier and Birchdale Landings along with where the river is open to.*

*March 19th, 2017:*

*Grant and I went and checked the river just before 4:00pm and the temperature was about 52 degrees. It has been windy most of the day which helped get the ice moving also. We figured it would be to Frontier today and when we checked we found out that it is open about 3 miles west of Frontier Landing. Birchdale Landing looks the same still with the shore ice there but there were a few vehicles at both landings that had pushed off the ice. We talked to one group that was just heading out to meet up with some of their friends and they had said they were having good luck.*

*Here is Frontier looking straight:*



*Here is looking west at Frontier Landing:*



*A couple of guys pushing their boat off the shore ice at Frontier Landing:*



*March 18th, 2017:*

*Grant and I went and checked the river today about 3:30pm and the temperature was right around 30 degrees. Grant was surprised how much it opened up since Thursday when he went and checked it. It is now open 4.6 miles west of Birchdale Landing before it is locked up again and then to the west of that spot there are some open holes also. We are thinking that tomorrow it could make it all the way to Frontier by the end of the day with the forecast being 52 degrees for a high. We did see some boats out fishing today and there is some shore ice that boats have to push over with about a 2 foot drop from the top of ice to the water.*

*Here is Birchdale Landing looking straight:*



*Here is Birchdale Landing looking to the east:*



*Here is Birchdale Landing looking to the west:*



*Water looks clear at the Birchdale Landing:*



*4.6 miles west of Birchdale Landing:*



*March 16th, 2017:*

*We finally had a chance to check the river again between being so busy, the cold weather, and we both caught a bad cold. The river is not opening up quite as fast as we hoped it would. It actually looks worse than the last time we checked. It was just above 40 degrees here today and hopefully we will get some warmer weather that will help the river open up faster.*

*Just wanted to mention that we do share pictures and videos that others post on the Rainy River when we are not able to check it on our Facebook Page. If you do not see an update on the website be sure the check out Facebook for the current information.*

*Here is Birchdale Landing looking straight:*



*Birchdale Landing looking to the East:*



*Birchdale Landing looking to the west:*



*March 6th, 2017:*

*With the warm temperatures the last few days we were hoping that Birchdale would be open to all boats. Unfortunately Birchdale Landing is not open as of this afternoon. Possibly in a few days but it is*

*hard to tell with the cold weather that is suppose to be coming. We try and check the landing again at the end of the week.*

*Here is a picture that Grant took when he checked the river today:*



*March 2nd, 2017:*

*This morning I saw someone that posted a picture of -10 degrees near Baudette. Tonight is suppose to get to -11 degrees and then start warming up again. Looks like it is going to be a gorgeous weekend with temps in the in the 40s for Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Grant asked a student to take some pictures at Birchdale today on their way home and send them to us as we are not able to get there today also. We will hopefully check the river tomorrow afternoon or Saturday for sure.*

*Here is Birchdale looking to the east:*





*Birchdale looking to the west:*



*March 1st, 2017:*

*We had received an email that the river was open in front of Birchdale but we were not able to go check. Grant asked one of his students if they would check on their way home and here are the pictures they sent us.*

*Birchdale looking straight:*



*Birchdale looking to the west:*



*Birchdale looking to the east:*



*Franz Jevne looking east:*



*Franz Jevne looking to the west:*



*February 27th, 2017:*

*We just got back from checking the river about 4:30pm and the temperature was around 28 degrees. They are calling for some colder temps at night for the next few nights and we noticed with this change of weather it has caused the open water at Birchdale to freeze back up. I could not see much open water when looking east at the Birchdale Landing. When we went to Franz Jevne the water seemed to be moving pretty fast and it was still open there.*

*Birchdale looking straight:*



*Birchdale looking to the east:*



*Franz Jevne looking straight:*



*Franz Jevne looking west:*



*February 23rd, 2017:*

*I went and checked the river just before 9:00 am this morning. The river is open just east of Birchdale with only a narrow spot open. East of Franz Jevne (about 2 miles east of Birchdale) the River is almost completely open with some shore ice. The temperature was 19 degrees and it looks like we are suppose to stay below freezing until Sunday with a high of 32 degrees and then it will get cold again. It is hard to say how the river will open this year with cold weather coming again but here is what it looked like this morning. Depending on the weather we may not go and check the river again until Monday sometime.*

*Birchdale Landing looking straight:*



*Birchdale Landing looking to the West:*



*Birchdale Landing looking to the East:*



*Franz Jevne looking straight out shows there is a lot of shore ice left:*



*5 Miles East of Birchdale Landing hard to tell but the river is pretty open with some shore ice:*



*February 22nd, 2017:*

*Some students of Grants told us that the river is starting to open. One of the students pushed a 14 foot duck boat out at Kuttles Landing near the Pelland Junction. They did good fishing and were going to check Birchdale Landing and France Jevne this afternoon but we have not heard from them. We were not able to check the river today due to prior obligations. I am planning to check the river in the morning. Remember the weather is suppose to get cold again and could slow the river from opening or freeze up again.*

*February 17th, 2017:*

*We have had many people ask how the river is looking lately and figured I would update so everyone will know. Another questions we have been asked is "How much ice is on the River?" I honestly do not know that answer as we have not drilled a hole since before Christmas and we haven't heard from any locals on the ice thickness. On February 4th, 2017 we headed over to Rainy Lake to meet some friends and try walleye fishing over there. We did see some open spots on the Rainy River near Indus and Loman but no signs of the river starting to open up. We know a few different people that head that way a few times a week and they keep us updated to when the river will start opening. It is about 60 miles to International Falls one way so we wait to hear from them before we decide to make a weekly trip, which will then turn into every other day, then daily when it is closer to Birchdale. We are suppose to get to 49 degrees today and things are starting to melt but next week is suppose to get cooler again. Keep watching for updates!*