

*April 3rd, 2019:*

*We woke up to some open water spots in front of the house. We are excited to finally see open water again.*

*Picture of the open spots early this morning:*



*April 2nd, 2019:*

*We had sleet/hail, snow, and mostly cloudy weather. Frontier opened for all boats and Vidas still has shore ice. The river is open about 5 miles east of our place. The water clarity is still normal and our guests did say that they have not seen any muddy water. Let's hope with these cold temps that the forks don't break loose until the end of the catch and release season for walleye.*

*April 1st, 2019:*

*One of our neighbors sent us this photo and said, "Open water along the channel at Vidas, as far west as the eye can see." As of last night you could only push out at Frontier as there is still some shore ice in the way.*

*On Saturday some groups said fishing was slow and other groups caught 75-80 fish for 2 people. We have heard of a few nice mid to upper 20 inch fish being caught. On Sunday we only had a few groups that fished and said it was tough. we need see some snow flurries again and they said the fish seemed to bite when the sun was shining.*

*Picture at Vidas from our neighbor:*



*March 30th, 2019:*

*We checked the river today and boats are able to push out at Frontier. The equipment was down there yesterday and bust loose what they could. The river is open to the Pinewood Church on the Canadian side. This makes it about 5.5 miles east of Vidas Landing still.*

*Frontier Landing:*



*5.5 Miles east of Vidas:*



*March 28th, 2019:*

*Grant checked the river again later this afternoon and it is 1.5 miles from Frontier Landing. Yesterday afternoon and most of today has been windy which is helping the river open up more. Grant did check the Birchdale Landing and it is open for all boats! We are excited for our 8th Spring season! We hope everyone has fun and is safe.*

*1.5 miles east of Frontier:*



*Birchdale Landing open to all boats:*



*March 28th, 2019:*

*Grant found open water 3.1 miles east of Frontier. Someone emailed us this picture of Birchdale this morning. It sounds like they were able to open up part of the Birchdale access to allow boats to put in.*

*3.1 miles east of Frontier:*



*Birchdale Landing:*



*March 27th, 2019:*

*Grant went to check the river late afternoon and found that there was open water just west of Birchdale Landing. There is still quite a bit of shore ice at Birchdale but would be possible to still push a boat out. Boats are pushing out at Franz Jevne. Grant figures that Birchdale should hopefully open up for all boats sometime this weekend.*

*Birchdale Landing:*



*Birchdale Landing looking West:*



*Franz Jevne:*



*Franz Jevne looking West:*



*March 24th, 2019:*

*Grant went and checked the river this afternoon. The river is open about 6 miles east of Birchdale Landing. The closest open access is the Pelland access right before International Falls.*

*Birchdale Landing:*



*Franz Jevne:*



*Manitou Rapids:*



*Pelland Access:*



*March 20th, 2019:*

*We had temperatures in the low 40s today with it being most cloudy for the day. We had heard yesterday the river was open at mile marker 173 and today it was in between 169 and 170. The river is 14.2 miles east of Birchdale Landing, 22.1 miles east of Frontier and 38.4 miles east of our place. The county did plow out the Frontier Landing.*

*14.2 Miles east of Birchdale Landing:*



*Manitou Rapids:*



*Franz Jevne with a young eagle:*



*March 19th, 2019:*

*We shared a post from Rainy Lake Guiding on Facebook that stated, "Backhoe sitings at the Birchdale landing! Unfortunately the River has a solid 20+". Spoke to a couple of locals predicted the landing should be open in 6-8 days, pending sun, rain, and wind in the forecast." Grant and I are planning to either check the river yet today or tomorrow late afternoon.*

*March 16th, 2019:*

*We shared a post from Rainy Lake Guiding on Facebook that stated, "Rainy River at the Shorewood landing in Int'l Falls. Parking lot was plowed. I'm guessing the landing will be soon."*

*March 14th, 2019:*

*We were suppose to wake up to 3-5 inches of snow which missed us. We did get some misting rain and now this evening we have some snow and wind. We will be doing Rainy River Reports this spring. Our first official report will be sometime next week. Stay tuned! We will also share other people's posts on the river progress to help keep everyone informed. Grant's father said there was open water about 50 miles from Baudette yesterday and we have heard that they opened up the dam.*