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Dear Deb,

Yes, the Little Manistee is narrow and fast. I haven't canoed it for many years.

Edith and I were on that trip on the Little Manistee with you and John. I remember the fish rattling the canoes. There were a lot of them, and they were big. The Little Manistee and the big Manistee both empty into Manistee Lake just west of the city, then there is a channel that runs through the town and into Lake Michigan. In just the last few years, they built an elaborate wooden walkway all along the channel.

The Big Manistee flows from the northwest and the Little Manistee flows from the southwest. And the Pine - a great canoeing river, with some fairly nice rapids - is between them, emptying into the Big Manistee just above Tippy Dam.

I just bought a new lawn mower - for \$250 - because the clutch cable got disconnected. I couldn't figure out how to fix it and it was going to be 10 days to 2 weeks before the repair shop could get to it and the grass was growing fast and the mower was about 6 years old anyway. I think I liked it better than the new one. Now that I'm caught up with the mowing, maybe I'll get the old one fixed and sell the new one.

Steve