

FOREST COUNTY TORNADO GUIDE (1950-2024)

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Event	Date			Time		F/EF	Width	Path
#	Month	Day	Year	(CST)	Start / End Location	Rank	(Yards)	(Miles)
1	9	19	1963	18:00	Laona	1	33	1.0
2	6	30	1968	04:00	3 NW Cavour	2	200	1.0
3	9	16	1972	16:05	4 NW Wabeno - 2 N McAllister	2	200	53.1
4	5	30	1994	20:50-21:16	2 SW Crandon - 1 N Laona	2	800	12.0
5	4	10	2011	18:30-18:46	3 SE Argonne - 6 SE Long Lake	2	600	12.1
6	4	10	2011	19:03-19:08	4.2 WNW - 3.2 N Armstrong Creek	1	250	3.3
7	8	9	2020	20:12-20:22	4.3 E Alvin - 5 S Caspian, MI	1	250	4.6

Event 1: September 19, 1963

The F1 tornado tore through the village of Laona around 6 PM CST. The tornado was less than 50 yards wide and traveled one mile before dissipating.

Event 2: June 30, 1968

The F2 tornado touched down 3 miles northwest of Cavour around 4 AM CST. The tornado traveled east northeast approximately a mile and had a maximum width of 200 yards. Several buildings were damaged on the Aschenbrenner Farm near Cavour.

Event 3: September 16, 1972

The F2 tornado formed 4 miles northwest of Wabeno around 4:05 PM CST. The tornado tracked south of Athelstane, north of Wausaukee and into upper Michigan. The track reentered Wisconsin about 2 miles north of McAllister and cross over the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation Grand Rapids Power Dam. The tornado reentered upper Michigan 3 miles southwest of Ingalls around 5:15 PM CST moving across Highway 41 about two miles north of Wallace. The final path length of the tornado was 53 miles with the tornado reaching a maximum width of 200 yards. Several barns were flattened in the Wabeno area, otherwise damage was mainly to woods and overhead wires.

Event 4: May 30, 1994

The F2 tornado touched down 2 miles southwest of Crandon around 8:50 PM CST. The tornado traveled 12 miles and reached a maximum width of 800 yards before dissipating one mile north of Laona around 9:16 PM CST. Three mobile homes and 25 homes were destroyed while 600 acres of timber was leveled. Three people were injured in a mobile that was destroyed by the tornado. The thunderstorms also produced tennis ball size hail as the storms passed through Rhineland.

Event 5: April 10, 2011

The EF2 tornado developed 3.5 miles southeast of Argonne and moved northeast across Forest County. The tornado uprooted and snapped hundreds of trees, some of which fell on vacation cabins along the path of the tornado. The hardest hit area was several miles east Argonne shortly after the tornado developed. A large part of the roof of a house was removed. The tornado continued northeast in Florence County 6:46 PM CST. The average width of the tornado was 250 yards in Forest County. In Florence County, several large tree branches were broken before the tornado dissipated. The average path width of the tornado in Florence County was 75 yards.

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Event 6: April 10, 2011



The EF1 tornado (2nd tornado on this day) formed in Forest County about four miles west of Armstrong Creek at 7:03 PM CST. The tornado snapped and uprooted trees and damaged two houses. One of the houses sustained significant roof damage as the tornado moved across the area. The average width of the tornado was 125 yards.

Event 7: August 9, 2020

The EF1 tornado touched down 4.3 miles east of Alvin in Forest County around 8:12 PM CST. The tornado damaged trees in the remote forest areas east of Alvin in extreme northeast Forest County. The tornado continued to damage trees across extreme northwest Florence County before dissipating near Caspian, Michigan around 8:22 PM CST.