

MARATHON COUNTY TORNADO GUIDE (1950-2024)

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Event #	Date			Time (CST)	Start / End Location	F/EF Rank	Width (Yards)	Path (Miles)
	Month	Date	Year					
1	6	25	1950	21:10	2 W Unity - 3 NE Abbotsford	2	20	3.0
2	6	20	1954	02:30	Rothschild - 6 NE Mosinee	2	70	6.3
3	6	4	1958	19:30	6 SE Chippewa Falls - 2 NW Athens	3	880	59.2
4	5	4	1959	10:30	Wausau	1	200	1.0
5	11	15	1960	14:25	Chili -o near Rib Mountain	2	100	36.0
6	9	3	1961	00:10	Fenwood	2	35	2.0
7	9	3	1961	01:00	Athens	1	35	2.0
8	5	8	1964	17:50	7 ESE Knowlton - 5 W Elderon	2	500	12.0
9	8	19	1968	17:30	4 W Fenwood - 11 E Fenwood	2	75	14.3
10	9	28	1971	14:15-16:05	3 NE Brokaw - 6 NE Hogarty	3	200	18.0
11	9	28	1971	16:00	1 NE Abbotsford - Merrill	3	300	11.6
12	6	18	1973	11:00	2 W Athens	1	200	2.0
13	4	12	1974	14:05	5 W Athens	2	150	2.0
14	6	13	1976	20:00	2 W Hogarty - Elton	1	50	4.0
15	8	31	1977	18:15	1 SW Stratford - Wausau	3	1000	27.0
16	7	15	1982	19:15	Mayflower Lake	1	50	0.7
17	7	3	1983	17:35	6 W Unity - Cherokee	2	55	6.0
18	6	26	1984	16:55	13 N Wausau - Texas	1	100	8.0
19	9	24	1984	16:50	13.5 WSW Wausau - Wausau	2	150	12.0
20	7	2	1987	17:10-17:15	Pike Lake	1	75	0.2
21	5	8	1988	17:10	4.5 SW Hadler - Rib Falls	2	250	13.0
22	9	19	1988	16:37	1 W Edgar	0	25	0.1
23	6	12	1990	18:35	2 W Stratford	1	25	0.1
24	7	19	1992	15:54	2 WSW Stratford	1	400	0.3
25	7	8	1994	14:00	3 NW Elderon	1	75	0.2
26	8	7	1996	01:45-01:49	6.5 N Stratford - 2.5 NNW Fernwood	2	200	2.5
27	8	7	1996	01:46-01:47	1 N - 1.2 NE Stratford	1	100	0.2
28	8	7	1996	02:19-02:21	4 SW Shantytown - Shantytown	1	100	0.4
29	7	16	1997	14:40-14:45	8.5 NNE - 6.9 NE Nutterville	2	100	2.0
30	7	16	1997	15:00-15:02	4 SW - 4.2 SW Hogarty	0	75	0.2
31	7	16	1997	15:00-15:01	3 N Sunset	0	15	0.1
32	7	16	1997	15:09-15:11	2 NE - 1.8 NE Ringle	1	50	0.2
33	7	16	1997	15:20-15:22	2 N - 1.8 N Elderon	0	75	0.2
34	5	31	1998	00:20-00:21	4 WSW Mosinee	0	50	0.2
35	4	18	2002	18:13-18:27	3 SE Stratford - 6 NW Mosinee	1	100	14.0

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36	4	18	2002	18:32	6 SSW Wausau Airport	0	25	0.1
37	7	30	2002	18:22-18:28	3 W - 0.8 W Central Wisconsin Airport	0	100	2.2
38	9	2	2002	17:04-17:06	5.2 W - 5 W Athens	0	75	0.2
39	9	2	2002	17:35-17:43	6 NW Wausau - 4 NE Wausau	1	200	5.0
40	6	4	2005	15:27-15:29	4 W - 4.5 WNW Edgar	0	75	1.2
41	6	4	2005	15:39-15:42	1 W - 1.5 NW Athens	0	100	1.3
42	6	4	2005	17:06	4 S Athens	0	25	0.1
43	6	4	2005	17:20	3 W Marathon	0	25	0.1
44	6	4	2005	19:18	7 S Hogarty	0	25	0.1
45	6	10	2005	13:03	4 W Mosinee	0	20	0.1
46	6	7	2007	15:01-15:14	1.4 W Peplin - 0.9 N Pike Lake	2	225	7.3
47	5	25	2008	20:00-20:01	3 ENE Knowlton	0	20	0.1
48	7	29	2008	15:27	3.6 NW Granite Heights	0	15	0.1
49	7	29	2008	15:59-16:00	6.3 NNW Kalinke	0	25	0.1
50	4	10	2011	17:08-17:41	2 N Hamburg - 1 SW Bloomville	0	150	21.3
51	5	24	2012	18:01-18:07	3.7 SSE - 4.8 ENE Marathon	0	75	5.9
52	6	30	2016	18:16	0.8 WSW Poniatowski	0	50	0.1
53	8	4	2016	10:20-10:26	1.3 NNE Cherokee - 4.4 SSW Stratford	1	250	4.4
54	4	9	2017	23:54-23:55	5 SSW Taegesville - 4.9 S Taegesville	1	100	0.4
55	7	19	2019	19:20-19:30	1.5 SSW Moon - 3.9 ENE Knowlton	1	100	9.0
56	7	28	2021	19:39-19:44	4.8 SE Merrill - 2.8 NE Granite Heights	1	300	2.7
57	7	28	2021	20:18-20:19	0.4 - 0.6 SSE Peplin	0	100	0.2
58	5	21	2024	18:34-18:37	4.9 S - 2.2 S Colby	1	110	4.1
59	5	21	2024	18:47-18:50	1.4 WSW Fenwood - 1 S Wien	1	60	2.1
60	5	21	2024	18:51-18:54	1.5 SE Stratford - 2 W Poniatowski	1	80	2.1
61	6	17	2024	07:59-08:01	1.3 SW Colby - 0.8 S Colby	0	46	0.8

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Event 1: June 25, 1950

The F2 tornado touched down 3 miles west of Colby and traveled to three miles northeast of Abbotsford around 9 PM CST. There was no additional information on this tornado. The tornado traveled approximately 3 miles with a maximum width of 20 yards.

Event 2: June 20, 1954

The F2 tornado developed around 2:30 AM CST in Rothschild. The tornado traveled approximately 6.3 miles and dissipated six miles northeast of Mosinee around 2:40 AM CST. The maximum width of the tornado was 70 yards. Another tornado was reported in Brothertown in Calumet County around 4 AM CST.

Event 3: June 4, 1958

According to several sources, it appears that there was a long tracked F3 tornado that developed 6 miles southeast of Chippewa Falls in Chippewa County around 7:30 PM CST. The tornado then moved to the east northeast for just over 59 miles before dissipating 2 miles northwest of Athens in Marathon County around 8:06 PM CST. The tornado reached a maximum width of 880 yards. Newspaper accounts indicated there were three separate tornadoes during this event. The tornado or tornadoes killed 28 people across western Wisconsin. Four people died in Chippewa Falls and near Menominee while two deaths were reported Knapp and Boyd in western Wisconsin.

Event 4: May 4, 1959

The F1 tornado was reported to touch down near Wausau around 10:30 AM CST. The tornado was 200 yards wide and traveled a mile before dissipating near Wausau.

Event 5: November 15, 1960

The F2 tornado developed near Chili in southeast Clark County. The tornado traveled for 36 miles into central Marathon County around 2:25 PM CST where the tornado dissipated near Rib Mountain. The tornado reached a maximum width of 100 yards. Main damage with the storm occurred near Chili and near the Town of Rib Mountain.

Event 6: September 3, 1961

The F2 tornado touched down near Fenwood around 12:10 AM CST and traveled about 2 miles. The tornado was 35 yards wide. Damage was confined to farm buildings and crops in rural western Marathon County.

Event 7: September 3, 1961

The F1 tornado touched down near Athens around 1 AM CST. The tornado was 35 yards wide and was on the ground for 2 miles.

Event 8: May 8, 1964

The F2 tornado touched down 7 miles east southeast of Knowlton around 5:50 PM CST. The tornado traveled about twelve miles to 5 miles west of Elderon. The tornado had a maximum width of five hundred yards.

Event 9: August 19, 1968

The F2 tornado formed about 4 miles east of Fenwood near County Trunk P just west of Highway 97 around 5:30 PM CST. The tornado traveled just over fourteen miles to the east before dissipating about eleven miles east of Fenwood. The maximum width of the tornado was 75 yards. Twenty-five barns mostly on the north side of County Trunk P were flattened. Damage was estimated at more than one million dollars.

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Event 10: September 28, 1971

A cold front moving through the state triggered scattered thunderstorms across the state. On this date, two long tracked F3 tornadoes were noted from near Stanley in western Wisconsin to Oconto County. The first tornado touched down 23 miles northeast of Eau Claire just south of Boyd and Stanley in Chippewa County around 2 PM CST. The tornado continued just south of Owen, north of Curtiss and south of Dorchester in Clark County. The tornado then moved into Marathon County south of Athens then weakened over Hamburg before finally dissipating just north of Merrill in Lincoln County around 4:05 PM CST. The tornado reached a maximum width of 300 yards and traveled 75 miles before dissipating. Damage was estimated near two million dollars.

Event 11: September 28, 1971

The second F3 tornado developed over the town of Hewitt northeast of Wausau in Marathon County around 4 PM CST. The town hall and four barns were destroyed in Hewitt. The tornado continued east northeast into Langlade County, passing about 6 miles south of Antigo and moved across the extreme northwest corner of Menominee County just south of White Lake. The tornado moved into Oconto County near Mountain, and then into Marinette County to Middle Inlet where the tornado dissipated around 5:20 PM CST. The tornado traveled 78 miles and reached a maximum width of 300 yards. The most severe damage occurred at Mountain where damage to buildings and trailers were estimated at \$200,000 dollars. Extensive damage to property and trees was reported in the Boulder Lake area where the lake level was reported to have dropped 5 inches. One person was injured at White Lake and four injuries were noted at Mountain, none seriously.

Event 12: June 18, 1973

The F1 tornado touched down on the Brunke Farm 2 miles west of Athens around 11 AM CST. The tornado was 200 yards wide and traveled east for two miles before dissipating.

Event 13: April 12, 1974

The F2 tornado briefly touched down 5 miles west of Athens around 2:05 PM CST. The tornado traveled 2 miles and reached a maximum width of 150 yards before dissipating. One barn was destroyed and wires down. Two horses in the field were rolled over by the tornado.

Event 14: June 13, 1976

The F1 tornado hit first about two miles west of Hogarty around 8 PM CST. The tornado skipped along and moved east northeast into extreme southwest Langlade County near Elmhurst and then continued to near Elton before dissipating at 8:10 PM. The tornado was 50 yards wide and traveled 21.3 miles. The tornado traveled 4 miles across Marathon County. Some sheds were destroyed while windows of some buildings were damaged. Tree limbs and power lines were downed by the tornado.

Event 15: August 31, 1977

On the evening of the 31st, a devastating EF3 tornado spun out a 27 miles path of destruction across Marathon County around 6:15 PM CST. The first sighting of the tornado came seven miles southwest of Fenwood. The funnel base was described as reaching tree top levels as it downed barns in the area. The tornado continued to near Marathon City where more barns were destroyed. The tornado caused extensive damage to Ginseng crops in the area. In Rib Mountain, 15 homes were demolished. and 30 others were severely damaged. The storm moved into southwest Wausau damaging a mill and lumber yard. As the funnel cloud moved across the southern end of Wausau, brief touchdowns were noted at Grand Avenue and at Tenth and Manson Streets. The funnel lifted and moved eastward out of the city limits of Wausau, touching down for a final time on Linden Street. Barns and sheds were destroyed on Linden. The tornado reached a maximum width of a thousand yards. Property damage was close to two million dollars.

Event 16: July 15, 1982

The F1 tornado swept southeast from May Flower Lake into rural areas at the south end of the lake in Marathon County around 7:15 PM CST. The tornado was 50 yards wide and traveled three quarters of a mile. Several trees were downed, and one residence was damaged.

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Event 17: July 3, 1983

The F2 tornado was first spotted near a home 6 miles west of Unity in Clark County around 5:35 PM CST. The tornado skipped across Clark County, skirting just north of Unity and crossed Highway 13 into Marathon County. In Marathon County, the tornado struck a farm just east of Highway 13, flipping a truck and camper as well as ripping a shed off its foundation. The tornado then struck a farm one mile east of Colby and just south of Highway N destroying many trees. The next farm to the east was struck and two hay wagons were flipped over, and a chimney was knocked off. The tornado hit a farm three miles east of Colby and one mile south of Highway N. A large barn was pushed off its foundation. The tornado moved across Highway F just south of Cherokee, and into 18 acres wooded lot destroying fifty large trees. Finally, a farm just east of Cherokee and south of Highway N took off the top of a silo. There were no further reports to the east. The tornado traveled approximately 6 miles and had a maximum width of fifty-five yards.

Event 18: June 26, 1984

The F1 tornado touched 13 miles north of Wausau around 4:55 PM CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide and skipped eastward for 8 miles before dissipating in the town of Texas. The tornado damaged four homes and three farm buildings. It also destroyed a few sheds and uprooted trees.

Event 19: September 24, 1984

The F2 tornado touched down thirteen and a half miles west southwest of Wausau around 4:50 PM CST, or one mile south of Highway P and one mile west of Highway 107. The tornado was 150 yards wide and traveled 12 miles before lifting on the east side of the Wisconsin River near Wausau. The tornado caused \$2.2 million dollars in damage in the townships of Emmett, Mosinee, Marathon, and Rib Mountain. Three homes were destroyed, eight sustained major damage and several barns and sheds were leveled. Numerous trees were reported down. The storm was accompanied by baseball size hail one mile northeast of Rothschild.

Event 20: July 2, 1987

The brief F1 tornado touched down just east of Pike Lake around 5:10 PM CST. The EF1 was 75 yards wide and traveled two tenths of a mile before dissipating around 5:15 PM CST. Numerous trees were twisted and knocked down causing damage to seven homes, a boat trailer and one boat foundation.

Event 21: May 8, 1988

The F2 tornado developed four and a half miles southwest of Hadler around 5:10 PM CST. The tornado traveled 13 miles and reached a maximum width of 250 yards before dissipating in Rib Falls. Two people were injured in the town of Emmet when their mobile home trailer was rolled upside down. In all, three mobile homes, six large barns, three machine sheds and silos were destroyed with numerous buildings damaged. Thirty-nine acres of ginseng racks on sixteen farms were knocked off their posts causing \$450,000 in damage. The total cost of the tornado in Marathon County was over one million dollars in damage.

Event 22: September 19, 1988

The brief F0 tornado developed one mile west of Edgar at 4:37 PM CST. The tornado was 25 yards wide and only traveled a tenth of a mile. Little damage noted in the monthly storm report.

Event 23: June 12, 1990

The F1 tornado hit a farm 2 miles west of Stratford around 6:35 PM CST. The tornado was 25 yards wide and was only on the ground for a tenth of a mile. According to newspaper reports, there was damage to some farm structures.

Event 24: July 19, 1992

The F1 tornado formed 2 miles west southwest of Stratford around 3:54 PM CST. The tornado was 400 yards wide and was on the ground for only a quarter of a mile. The damage from the tornado included: a destroyed barn, two houses and one garage damaged while several trees were downed.

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Event 25: July 8, 1994

The F1 tornado touched 3 miles northwest of Elderon around 2 PM CST. The tornado was 75 yards wide and only traveled two tenths of a mile. The tornado moved a garage off its foundation and wrecked a house roof and shed three miles northwest of Elderon.

Event 26: August 7, 1996

The F2 tornado touched down six and a half miles north of Stratford around 1:45 AM CST, tearing the top portion of a home off, flattened a garage, and snapped off several large trees. The tornado continued east northeast for two and a half miles and reached a maximum width of 200 yards before dissipating two and a half miles north northwest of Fenwood around 1:49 AM CST. As the storm moved east, there was damage to a storage shed and thirty trees on a farm. A dozen of Ginseng shelters were thrown about. The tornado was not on the ground for the entire path.

Event 27: August 7, 1996

The brief F1 tornado touched down one mile north of Stratford around 1:46 AM CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide and only traveled two tenths of a mile before dissipating 1.2 miles northeast of Stratford around 1:47 AM CST. The tornado snapped off numerous large trees, some of which fell on the top of homes. In addition: one barn was flattened while a semi-trailer was flipped over, and a car moved 75 feet.

Event 28: August 7, 1996

The F1 tornado touched down four tenths of a mile southwest of Shantytown around 2:19 AM CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide and traveled nearly a half mile to Shantytown before dissipating around 2:21 AM CST. The tornado tore a 100 yards swath through a cornfield. In Shantytown, the tornado tore the roof and garage off a home. Pieces of the roof were found one-quarter of a mile away from the home.

Event 29: July 16, 1997

The F2 tornado touched down eight and a half miles northeast of Nutterville around 2:40 PM CST. The storm traveled just over three miles and reached a maximum width of 100 yards before dissipating 6.9 miles northeast of Nutterville around 2:45 PM CST. The tornado damaged several homes, vehicles and silos, and destroyed numerous barns, sheds and crops. Twenty head of dairy cattle were killed or had to be destroyed. There were two other tornadoes with this tornadic supercell. Total damage to crops and property from the five tornadoes, hail and straight-line winds in Marathon County alone topped \$10 million.

Event 30: July 16, 1997

The F0 tornado developed 4 miles southwest of Hogarty around 3 PM CST. The tornado was 75 yards wide and traveled two tenths of a mile before dissipating 4.2 miles southwest of Hogarty around 3:01 PM CST.

Event 31: July 16, 1997

The F0 tornado touched down 3 miles north of Sunset around 3 PM CST. The tornado was 15 yards wide and was on the ground for a tenth of a mile before dissipating at 3:01 PM CST.

Event 32: July 16, 1997

The F1 tornado briefly touched down two miles northeast of Ringle around 3:09 PM CST. The tornado was 50 yards wide and only traveled two tenths of a mile before dissipating 1.8 miles northeast of Ringle around 3:11 PM CST.

Event 33: July 16, 1997

The F0 tornado touched down 2 miles north of Elderon around 3:20 PM CST. The tornado was 75 yards wide and traveled two tenths of a mile before dissipating 1.8 miles north of Elderon around 3:22 PM CST.

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Event 34: May 31, 1998

The brief F0 tornado touched down 4 miles west southwest of Mosinee at 12:20 AM CST. The tornado was 50 yards wide and was on the ground for two tenths of a mile before it dissipated 3.8 miles west southwest of Mosinee at 12:21 AM CST.

Event 35: April 18, 2002

The F1 tornado formed 3 miles southeast of Stratford around 6:13 PM CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide and traveled 14 miles before dissipating 6 miles northwest of Mosinee around 6:27 PM CST. The tornado downed hundreds of trees, while numerous barns and farm sheds were destroyed by a combination of the tornado and straight-line winds. Plows had to be used to clear trees from some of the roads.

Event 36: April 18, 2002

The brief F0 tornado touched down 6 miles south southwest of the Wausau Airport in Marathon County around 6:32 PM CST. The tornado was 25 yards wide and was on the ground for a tenth of a mile. The tornado snapped several trees.

Event 37: July 30, 2002

The F0 tornado developed 3 miles west of the Central Wisconsin Airport at 6:22 PM CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide and traveled just over 2 miles on the ground before dissipating eight tenths of a mile west of the Central Wisconsin Airport at 6:28 PM CST. The tornado caused significant tree damage on a hill east of the Wisconsin River.

Event 38: September 2, 2002

The F0 tornado touched down 5.2 miles west of Athens at 5:04 PM CST. The tornado was 75 yards wide and was on the ground for two tenths of a mile before dissipating at 5:06 PM CST. The tornado caused minimal damage.

Event 39: September 2, 2002

The F1 tornado developed 6 miles northwest of Wausau around 5:35 PM CST. The tornado was 200 yards wide and was on the ground for five miles before dissipating 4 miles northeast of Wausau around 5:43 PM CST. The tornado destroyed two barns, a garage and a shed. It also snapped hundreds of trees, heavily damaged 6 homes and caused minor damage to 25 others. At least two vehicles traveling on Highway 51 were blown off the road. A trailer being towed by one of the vehicles was blown over and a large road sign hit the vehicle. The driver was injured and transported to the hospital.

Event 40: June 4, 2005

The F0 touched down 4 miles west of Edgar at 3:27 PM CST. The tornado was 75 yards wide and was on the ground for 1.2 miles before dissipating four and a half miles west northwest of Edgar at 3:29 PM CST. No damage was noted in the month storm report for this tornado.

Event 41: June 4, 2005

The F0 touched down a mile west of Athens at 3:39 PM CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide and was on the ground for 1.3 miles before the tornado dissipated a mile and a half northwest of Athens at 3:42 PM CST. The tornado downed some trees, flattened a barn, and tore the roof from another barn.

Event 42: June 4, 2005

The F0 touched down 4 miles south of Athens at 5:06 PM CST. The tornado was 25 yards wide and was on the ground for a tenth of a mile. The monthly local storm report did not indicate any damage from this tornado.

Event 43: June 4, 2005

The F0 touched down 3 miles west of Marathon at 5:20 PM CST. The tornado was 25 yards wide and was on the ground for a tenth of a mile. The monthly local storm report did not indicate any damage from this tornado.

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Event 44: June 4, 2005

The F0 touched down 7 miles south of Hogarty at 7:18 PM CST. The tornado was 25 yards wide and was on the ground for a tenth of a mile. The monthly local storm report did not indicate any damage from this tornado.

Event 45: June 10, 2005

The F0 tornado touched down 4 miles west of Mosinee at 1:03 PM CST. The tornado was 20 yards wide and was on the ground for a tenth of a mile. No damage was noted in the monthly storm data.

Event 46: June 7, 2007

There were five tornadoes on this date across north central and northeast Wisconsin. The EF2 tornado developed nine tenths of a mile west Peplin around 3:01 PM CST. The tornado traveled just over 7 miles and reached a maximum width of 225 yards before it dissipated nearly a mile north of Pike Lane around 3:14 PM CST. At least 8 homes, 10 barns, and numerous trees were damaged.

Event 47: May 25, 2008

The EF0 tornado touched down 3 miles east northeast of Knowlton at 8 PM CST. The tornado was 10 yards wide and was on the ground for a tenth of a mile before dissipating at 8:01 PM CST. Several apple trees were damaged in a narrow path. A pine tree fell on a shed as well. The tornado was on the ground for less than 30 seconds.

Event 48: July 29, 2008

The EF0 tornado briefly touched down 3.6 miles northwest of Granite Heights at 3:27 PM CST. The tornado was 15 yards wide and traveled a tenth of a mile. Law enforcement witnessed the brief tornado touchdown north of Brokaw near the Lincoln County border. No damage was reported.

Event 49: July 29, 2008

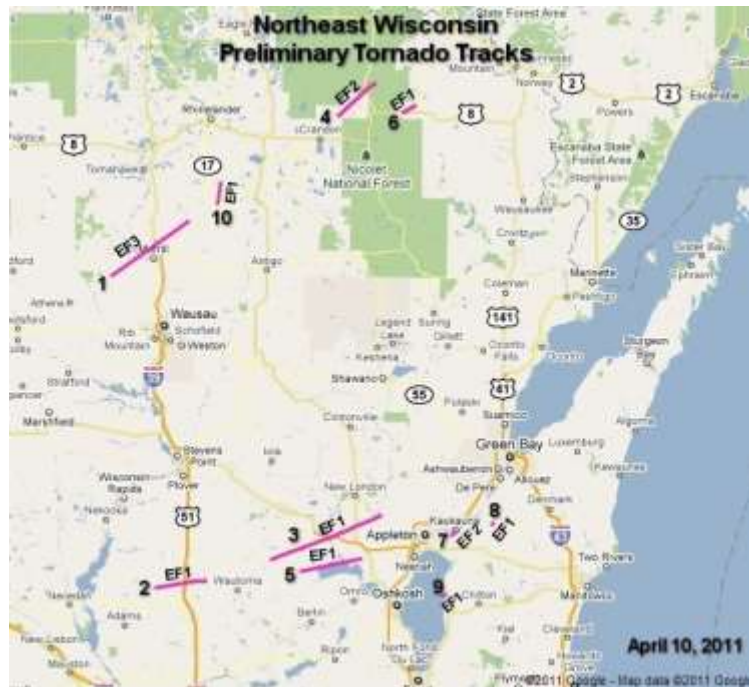
The EF0 tornado briefly touched down 6.2 miles north northwest of Kalinke at 3:59 PM CST. The tornado was 25 yards wide and traveled a quarter of a mile before dissipating at 4 PM CST. The tornado touched down just south of County Line Road near County Road Q. Several trees in an open field were knocked over.

Event 50: April 10, 2011

The EF3 tornado developed about 2 miles north of Hamburg at 5:08 CST PM and moved northeast into Lincoln County at 5:10 PM CST. Pine trees were uprooted, and large branches were broken in the path of the storm. One house sustained damage to its siding and several barns were blown down or lost their roofs in Marathon County. The tornado was rated an EF0 in Marathon County. The average width of the tornado in Marathon County was 100 yards. The tornado reached EF3 intensity on the north side of Merrill in Lincoln County at approximately 5:22 PM CST where 22 homes and 7 businesses were destroyed. Several homes lost nearly all exterior and some interior walls. In addition, 22 homes and one business sustained major damage, and 20 homes and four businesses sustained minor damage. A 67 year old male was thrown over 200 feet from his bedroom and suffered broken ribs, a ruptured spleen and a bruised lung. Another person sustained minor injuries. The tornado tore a path over 20 miles long in Lincoln County before dissipating. The maximum width of the tornado was six tenths of a mile (1,050 yards) wide. The average width was about 400 yards.

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Event 50: April 10, 2011 Continued



Event 51: May 24, 2012

The EF0 tornado formed 3.7 miles south southeast of Marathon at 6:01 PM CST and rapidly move northeast before dissipating 4.8 miles east northeast of Marathon at 6:07 PM CST. About 100 trees sustained large broken branches or were snapped by the tornado. No structures were damaged. The average path width was 50 yards.



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Event 52: June 30, 2016

The EF0 tornado touched down nearly a mile west southwest of Poniatowski in Marathon County around 6:16 PM CST. The tornado traveled less than a tenth of a mile and was 50 yards wide. Minor damage was reported at a farm near Poniatowski. The tornado dissipated at 6:16 PM CST.

Event 53: August 4, 2016

The EF1 tornado touched down a little over five miles of Colby (1.3 NNE Cherokee) in Marathon County around 10:20 AM CST. The tornado was 250 yards wide and affected sixteen homesteads and farms. One barn collapsed and three others sustained at least minor damage. Five homes sustained roof damage and several sheds were damaged or destroyed. A church steeple was damaged, and several dozen trees were snapped or uprooted. The average path wide was 125 yards with a maximum width of 250 yards. The tornado traveled just under four and a half miles before dissipating 4.4 miles south southwest of Stratford around 10:26 AM CST.

Event 54: April 9, 2017

The EF1 tornado touched about five miles south southwest of Taegesville (just west of Wausau) in Marathon County around 11:54 PM CST. The brief tornado developed in association with a small line of severe thunderstorms (straight line wind damage also reported) in Marathon County. Two structures sustained significant storm damage, with one building had its windows blown out along with roofing material ripped off the building. The other structure had a garage door blown off. Several other houses had minor damage. Around 100 mature pine trees were snapped. The tornado was approximately 100 yards wide and traveled just under a half of a mile before dissipating at 11:55 PM CST.

Event 55: July 19, 2019

The EF1 tornado touched down one and a half miles south-southwest of Moon in Marathon County around 7:20 PM CST. The tornado produced damage to dozens of trees, damaged the roof of an outbuilding and demolished an old barn in the town of Knowlton. Peak winds were estimated near 90 mph. The tornado was part of a line of severe thunderstorms that rolled across north-central and northeast Wisconsin during the evening. The tornado was 100 yards wide and traveled nearly nine miles before dissipating around 7:30 PM CST nearly four miles east-northeast of Knowlton.

Event 56: July 28, 2021

The EF1 tornado formed at 7:40 PM CST near Pine River or 4.8 miles southeast of Merrill in southern Lincoln County, damaging dozens of trees. The tornado continued south into Marathon County around 7:42 PM CST, damaging dozens of more trees before ending near the intersection of Shady Lane Road and Hazelwood Lane at 7:44 PM CST. The tornado path was estimated at 2.7 miles long, a maximum width of 300 yards and winds estimated around 90 mph.

Event 57: July 28, 2021

The brief EF0 tornado touched down west of Bevent or four tenths of a mile south-southeast of Peplin in Marathon County around 8:18 PM CST. The tornado produced damage to trees and a power pole. The total path length was estimated to be two-tenths of a mile with a width of 100 yards before dissipating at 8:19 PM CST six tenths of a mile south-southeast of Peplin.

Event 58: May 21, 2024

The EF1 tornado developed just southwest of the Village of Unity in Clark County at 6:34 PM CST. The tornado produced damage in the western portion of Unity before crossing Highway 13 into western Marathon County at 6:35 PM CST, while producing additional damage in the northeast side of Unity including damage to an outbuilding along County Highway P. The tornado continued to produce scattered tree damage as it tracked northeast across Chokecherry Road and Juneberry Road. The tornado lifted near Mulberry Road at 6:41 PM CST with straight line winds continuing northeast to County Road N just southeast of Colby. Total patch length is estimated to be 4.07 miles long with a width of 110 yards. Peak winds were estimated to be around 105 mph.

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Event 59: May 21, 2024

The EF1 tornado developed at 6:47 PM CST west of Fenwood in western Marathon County and continued northeast before dissipating at 6:50 PM CST. Total path length was estimated to be 2.1 miles long with a width of 60 yards. The peak wind was estimated to be around 87 mph.

Event 60: May 21, 2024

The EF1 tornado developed at 6:51 PM CST northwest of Edgar in western Marathon County and continued northeast before dissipating at 6:54 PM CST between the village of Athens and the town of Rib Falls. The total path length was estimated at 2.1 miles long with a maximum width of 80 yards. The peak wind was estimated to be around 92 mph.

Event 61: June 17, 2024

The EF0 tornado developed at 7:59 AM CST 1.3 miles southeast of Colby in Clark County. The tornado tracked northeast and entered Marathon County at 8 AM CST. The tornado continued northeast through the south side of Colby and ended in an open field at 8:01 AM CST. Total path length was a little over eight tenths of a mile with a maximum width of 46 yards. The peak wind was estimated at 70 mph in Marathon County.