

ONEIDA 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	6	25	1950	21:00	1 W Woodboro - 5 NE Rhinelander	4	880	13.1
2	6	20	1953	18:00	Three Lakes	1	100	2.0
3	5	4	1964	18:00-18:10	10 SW St. Germain - near St. Germain	1	125	7.2
4	6	26	1969	17:00	Skawanaw - Pelican Lake	1	N/A	22.0
5	6	14	1980	13:25	1 E Rhinelander - Lake Thompson	1	50	1.5
6	6	14	1980	14:22	5 N Rhinelander	0	NA	NA
7	6	13	1981	20:40	1 N Hazelhurst	1	NA	NA
8	6	13	1981	21:00	Three Lakes	2	N/A	N/A
9	4	27	1984	14:37-15:07	Fawn Lake - Star Lake	3	880	29.0
10	6	8	1985	18:15-18:52	Park Falls - 3 SE Monico	3	2,640	47.0
11	7	4	1986	19:35-19:40	5 SE Hazelhurst	2	100	1.5
12	8	1	1988	18:20	3 S Hazelhurst	0	25	0.1
13	6	27	1991	18:20-18:30	12 WSW Minocqua - Marian Lake	2	400	6.0
14	8	9	1993	20:15	1 N Tripoli	0	50	0.3
15	8	14	2000	19:10	Lake Tomahawk	0	25	0.1
16	5	1	2001	20:55-21:00	0.4 NNE - NE Minocqua	1	125	1.5
17	9	6	2001	18:09-18:14	0.3 SSW Pelican Lake - 1.3 NNE Pelican Lake	0	30	0.5
18	4	18	2002	15:57	6 SW Woodboro	0	25	0.1
19	4	18	2002	16:33	4 E Rhinelander	0	25	0.1
20	7	11	2004	14:42-14:45	8 SW Harshaw	0	60	0.2
21	7	11	2004	15:43	1 W Goodnow	0	10	0.1
22	5	16	2017	19:12-19:13	5.9 - 5.5 WSW Enterprise	0	175	0.3
23	7	19	2019	18:49-18:58	5.5 SW Lake George - 2.4 NW Enterprise	0	50	5.4

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Event 1: June 25, 1950

The F4 tornado touched down one mile west of Woodboro around 9 PM CST and traveled 13.1 miles to five miles northeast of Rhinelander. The tornado reached a maximum width of 880 yards. Two deaths were reported in Oneida County.

Event 2: June 20, 1953

The brief F1 tornado touched down in Three Lakes around 6 PM CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide and traveled two miles before dissipating. Trees and power lines were downed along with some damage to summer homes.

Event 3: May 4, 1964

The F1 tornado was first reported 10 miles southwest of St. Germain around 6 PM CST. The tornado traveled just over 7 miles before dissipating near St. Germain at 6:10 PM CST in Vilas County. The tornado had a maximum width of 125 yards. The local storm report indicated the tornado touched down twice and crossed over the Big St. Germain drawing water to a height of 200 feet. There was considerable damage to resorts and woods in the path of the tornado.

Event 4: June 26, 1969

The F2 tornado formed near Lac Du Flambeau on the Vilas / Oneida County line around 5 PM CST and skipped northeast for nearly 29 miles. The tornado dissipated along the Michigan border 9 miles northwest of Land O' Lakes. Maximum width of the tornado was 35 yards. Resort areas from Fence Lake northeastward across Big Crooked and High Lakes suffered damage.

Event 5: June 14, 1980

The small F1 tornado formed at Highway C one mile east of Rhinelander at 1:25 PM CST. The tornado was 50 yards wide and traveled eastward for a mile and a half before the tornado dissipated over Lake Thompson. A falling tree injured one person seriously and two other injuries were noted in a trailer court. One house and three trailers and several rural buildings suffered damage.

Event 6: June 14, 1980

The F0 tornado was reported 5 miles north of Rhinelander by the Oneida County sheriff's department at 2:22 PM CST. The brief tornado touched down in a rural area. There was no documentation on path length or width of the tornado.

Event 7: June 13, 1981

The F1 tornado touched down at the Timber Ridge Country Club on Route 51 one mile north of Hazelhurst around 8:40 PM. There was no documentation on path length or width of the tornado. The tornado destroyed about one thousand trees.

Event 8: June 13, 1981

There is very little information available on this F2 tornado that struck Three Lakes around 9 PM. Path length and width were not available.

Event 9: April 27, 1984

The F3 tornado developed near Fawn Lake around 2:37 PM CST. The tornado traveled to near Star Lake in Vilas County before dissipating around 3:07 PM CST. The tornado leveled several thousand acres of forest, destroyed or damaged 80 homes and cabins, ripped up docks and tossed boats in the air or wrapped them around trees. A Fawn Lake man was killed after getting his family to safety. The hardest hit areas were Fawn Lake, Two Lakes, Hasbrook and Gilmore Lakes in Oneida County. In Vilas County, the hardest hit areas were St. Germain Lake, Lost Lake and Star Lake. The tornado traveled 29 miles and reached a maximum width of 880 yards.

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Event 10: June 8, 1985

A severe thunderstorm spawned a killer F3 tornado and dropped large hail as it rolled through Price and Oneida Counties, causing widespread property, crop, and timber damage. The tornado skipped from Park Falls to about 15 miles southeast of Rhinelander. The tornado first touched down one mile west of Park Falls around 6:15 PM CST and moved through the southern portion of the city. In Park Falls, 125 buildings were damaged with 12 houses and businesses were heavily damaged or destroyed. 26 people received mostly minor injuries in Park Falls. The tornado continued southeast, cutting an eighteen mile and 1.5 miles wide swath through eastern Price County and into Minocqua in Oneida County where the tornado dissipated around 6:52 PM CST. Two people were killed and sixteen injured at Swamsauger Lake and Cedar Falls resort in the Willow Reservoir area in Oneida County. A man apparently drowned when the tornado lifted him and his house and deposited it into Swamsauger Lake. A woman was killed when a tree crashed through a vehicle in which she was seeking refuge. The tornado continued to the southwest portion of Rhinelander and then dissipated southeast of Monico. A total of 47 residences were heavily damaged or destroyed while another 43 more received some damage in Oneida County. 9,900 acres of timber and cranberry bogs were lost in Oneida County.

Event 11: July 4, 1986

The F2 tornado touched down on the south shore of Windpudding Lake or 5 miles southeast of Hazelhurst in Oneida County around 7:35 PM CST. The tornado heavily damaged seven cottages and leveled numerous trees. A shed was blown thirty feet through the air. A dog inside the shed survived. The tornado traveled a mile and a half and reached a maximum width of 100 yards before it dissipated around 7:40 PM CST.

Event 12: August 1, 1988

The brief F0 tornado occurred 3 miles south of Hazelhurst in Oneida County around 6:20 PM CST. The tornado was 25 yards wide and only traveled a tenth of a mile. The tornado damaged some trees.

Event 13: June 27, 1991

The F2 tornado touched down 12 miles west-southwest of Minocqua in Oneida County around 6:20 PM CST. The tornado cut a 6 miles swath from near Pine Lake to Franklin Lake to Marion Lake before dissipating around 6:30 PM CST. The tornado was 400 yards wide. Thirteen homes and one car were damaged along its path with damage estimated at \$350,000 dollars. In addition, 1,600 acres of industrial forest valued at \$240,000 were also damaged.

Event 14: August 9, 1993

The F0 tornado touched down one mile north of Tripoli in Oneida County around 8:15 PM CST. The tornado was 50 yards wide and traveled three tenths of a mile. Little damaged was noted with this tornado.

Event 15: August 14, 2000

The brief F0 tornado touched down at Lake Tomahawk in Oneida County at 7:10 PM CST. The tornado was 25 yards wide and was on the ground a tenth of a mile. The tornado damaged trees in the Lake Tomahawk area.

Event 16: May 1, 2001

The F1 tornado developed four tenths of a mile north of Minocqua in Oneida County around 8:55 PM CST. The tornado moved about a quarter of a mile before lifting of the ground. The tornado touched down again 1.8 miles east northeast of Minocqua and stayed on the ground for over a mile before dissipating. The tornado was 125 yards wide and was on the ground for about a mile and a half. Many pine trees were snapped 15 to 30 feet above the ground. A five-unit storage building was completely removed from its slab and a number of homes were damaged by fallen trees.

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Event 17: September 6, 2001

The F0 tornado touched down three tenths of a mile south southwest of Pelican Lake in Oneida County around 6:09 PM CST. The tornado was 30 yards wide and was on the ground for a half mile before dissipating 1.3 miles north northeast of Pelican Lake around 6:14 PM CST. The tornado caused minor damage to the Pelican Lake Supper Club, blew the roof off a nearby house and destroyed a garage. The tornado also caused minor damage to the Pelican Lake Town Hall and uprooted several trees.

Event 18: April 18, 2002

The brief F0 tornado touched down 6 miles southwest of Woodboro in Oneida County at 3:57 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 19: April 18, 2002

The brief F0 tornado touched down 4 miles east of Rhinelander in Oneida County at 4:33 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 20: July 11, 2004

The brief F0 tornado touched down 8 miles southwest of Harshaw in Oneida County at 2:42 PM CST. The tornado was 60 yards wide and was on the ground for two tenths of a mile before dissipating at 2:45 PM CST. The tornado topped numerous trees onto power lines and damaged a pontoon boat.

Event 21: July 11, 2004

The brief F0 tornado touched down one mile west of Goodnow in Oneida County at 3:43 PM CST. The tornado was 10 yards wide and was on the ground for a tenth of a mile.

Event 22: May 16, 2017

The EF0 tornado touched about five and a half miles west southwest of Enterprise in Oneida County around 7:12 PM CST. The brief tornado uprooted several hundred pine trees just north of Highway Q near the Oneida County/Langlade County line, or about 9.5 miles west-southwest of Pelican Lake. The EF0 tornado was approximately 175 yards wide and traveled about three tenths of a mile before dissipating at 7:13 PM CST about five and a half miles west southwest of Enterprise.

Event 23: July 19, 2019

The EF0 tornado touched down five and a half miles southwest of Lake George in Oneida County around 6:49 PM CST. The tornado produced a path of scattered tree damage west of Pelican Lake. Peak winds were estimated around 80 mph. The tornado was 50 yards wide and traveled nearly five and a half miles before dissipating just over two miles northwest of Enterprise around 6:58 PM CST.



Tornado Track and Storm Damage



Radar Image

