

WOOD COUNTY TORNADO GUIDE (1950-2024)

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Event #	Date			Time (CST)	Start / End Location	F/EF Rank	Width (Yards)	Path (Miles)
#	Month	Day	Year	(CST)		Rank	(Yards)	(Miles)
1	5	7	1964	18:00	Wisconsin Rapids	2	100	0.5
2	3	31	1967	00:05	Marshfield	2	35	1.9
3	7	22	1967	23:00-23:18	2S Loyal - 5 E Marshfield	2	100	21.4
4	6	17	1970	18:35	3 S Wisconsin Rapids	0	100	0.1
5	12	1	1970	09:00	12 SE Marshfield	2	200	2.0
6	7	8	1971	02:00	Wisconsin Rapids	1	75	2.0
7	6	13	1976	18:40-19:20	4 W Wisconsin Rapids - 3 NE Stevens Point	1	100	24.6
8	3	30	1982	14:05-14:40	Armenia - 3 SW Stevens Point	1	35	28.0
9	7	3	1983	19:11	5 NE Nekoosa	0	10	0.3
10	4	27	1984	04:05	Saratoga	0	50	1.0
11	8	12	1985	18:13-18:30	6 S Marshfield - Auburndale	2	880	10.0
12	4	20	1992	16:00-16:20	2 SW Arpin - Bakerville	1	25	9.5
13	8	3	1999	17:45	3 W Pittsville	0	10	0.1
14	6	8	2003	12:59-13:02	4 S - 4.1 S Marshfield Airport	0	50	0.1
15	6	7	2007	15:26	2.2 W - 2.1 W Wisconsin Rapids Airport	0	40	0.1
16	7	29	2008	17:44-17:49	4.2 SE Nasonville - 4.7 WNW Bethel	0	25	1.5
17	7	14	2010	16:18-16:19	2.5 WSW - 2.2 WSW Veedum	0	50	0.3
18	5	22	2011	17:03-17:20	5.5 SSE Cranmoor - 4.8 SE Arnott	1	350	31.6
19	8	23	2011	16:58	0.3 NW Arpin	0	10	0.1

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Event 1: May 7, 1964

The F2 tornado touched down in the city of Wisconsin Rapids around 6 PM CST and traveled a half mile. The maximum width of the tornado was 100 yards. The tornado tore through the Suburban Heights trailer court. There were fourteen injuries, none of them serious. Ten of the trailer homes were ripped from their foundation and tossed up into the air. The body of one was torn off and the frame was left lying upside down 100 yards from its original base. Many of the trailers were occupied by the Wisconsin Rapids Twins ballplayers and their wives. Some damage to roofs and television antennas was reported within the city limits.

Event 2: March 31, 1967

The F2 tornado touched down in Marshfield around 12:05 AM CST. The tornado traveled approximately two miles and had a maximum width of 35 yards. The tornado destroyed or damaged several buildings including a mobile home plant.

Event 3: July 22, 1967

The F2 tornado developed around 11 PM CST near Loyal in Clark County. The tornado then moved east southeast into Wood County. The tornado traveled nearly 21 miles before dissipating five miles east of Marshfield around 11:18 PM CST. The maximum width of the tornado was 100 yards. The tornado destroyed three barns and killed sixteen cattle near Loyal in Clark County. Several buildings and mobile homes were destroyed at Marshfield in Wood County.

Event 4: June 17, 1970

The F0 touched down briefly 3 miles south of Wisconsin Rapids around 6:35 PM CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide and only traveled a tenth of a mile. According to the monthly storm report, the tornado touched down in open country.

Event 5: December 1, 1970

Four rare December tornadoes were reported on this date across north-central and northeast Wisconsin. The F2 tornado touched down 12 miles southeast of Marshfield or two miles southeast of Arpin on the Fred Cahler farm around 9 AM CST. The tornado traveled 2 miles while reaching a maximum width of 200 yards before dissipating. Several farm buildings were destroyed or damaged on the Fred Cahler farm. The tornadoes on this day are on the only December tornadoes recorded in the NWS Green Bay Service area.

Event 6: July 8, 1971

The F1 tornado moved through open country just north of Wisconsin Rapids around 2 AM CST. The tornado was 75 yards wide and traveled about two miles before it dissipated. One house trailer moved off its foundation while there was damage to trees in the area.

Event 7: June 13, 1976

The F1 tornado formed 4 miles west of Wisconsin Rapids around 6:40 PM CST. The tornado continued to move east northeast to three miles northeast of Stevens Point near the intersection of Highway 51 and Business 51 before dissipating around 7:20 PM CST three miles northeast of Stevens Point. The tornado traveled nineteen miles in Wood County and reached a maximum width of 100 yards. Many trees were flattened.

Event 8: March 30, 1982

The F1 tornado initially touched down in the township of Armenia in Juneau County where it destroyed a house and 3 nearby mobile homes. Two occupants of the house were injured. The F1 tornado then moved northeast to just southeast of Nekoosa in Wood County around 2:05 PM CST. The tornado traveled intermittently on a 28 miles path before dissipating 3 miles southwest of Stevens Point in Portage County around 2:40 PM CST.

Event 9: July 3, 1983:

The F0 tornado briefly touched down 5 miles northeast of Nekoosa around 7:11 PM CST. The tornado was approximately 10 yards wide and traveled three tenths of a mile before dissipating.

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Event 10: April 27, 1984:

The F0 tornado briefly touched down in the township of Saratoga around 4:05 AM CST. The tornado was 50 yards wide and traveled a mile before dissipating. Numerous trees were downed, and some residential damage occurred. Hail the size of three quarters of an inch also fell during the storm.

Event 11: August 12, 1985

A large F2 tornado touched down around 6:13 PM CST six miles south of Marshfield along highway B. The tornado traveled northeast across Highway EE and then slammed Auburndale. The tornado was on the ground for ten miles before the tornado dissipated in Auburndale around 6:30 PM CST. At its peak, the tornado was a massive 880 yards wide. Damage was estimated at \$5.5 million dollars. Fifty-eight dwellings and forty farms suffered damage. The Apache Gardens subdivision and the Wishkershen Trailer Park in Auburndale received substantial damage.

Event 12: April 20, 1992:

The F1 tornado formed 2 miles southwest of Arpin around 4 PM CST. The tornado was 25 yards wide and traveled 9.5 miles before dissipating a half mile south of Bethel or near Bakerville around 4:20 PM CST. Damage included: a shed was knocked down near Arpin, a mobile home was picked up and twisted around near Bethel and some roof damage was reported at Bakerville.

Event 13: August 3, 1999

The F0 tornado briefly touched down 3 miles west of Pittsville at 5:45 PM CST. The tornado was 10 yards wide and was on the ground for a tenth of a mile. The tornado knocked down trees 3 miles west of Pittsville.

Event 14: June 8, 2003

The F0 tornado touched down 4 miles south of the Marshfield Municipal Airport in Marshfield at 12:59 PM CST. The tornado was 50 yards wide and traveled a tenth of a mile before dissipating 4.1 miles south of the Marshfield Municipal Airport at 1:02 PM CST. The tornado tore siding from a garage, broke windows, destroyed a playhouse and doghouse and blew two 50 pounds barrels 200 yards away.

Event 15: June 7, 2007

The EF0 tornado touched down 2.2 miles south of Wisconsin Rapids at 3:26 PM CST. The brief tornado was seen by a storm chaser before dissipating 2.1 miles south of Wisconsin Rapids. The same storm also produced hail up to 5.5 inches in diameter in Port Edwards and Wisconsin Rapids. The hailstone was the 2nd largest documented hailstone in Wisconsin.

Event 16: July 29, 2008

The EF0 tornado touched down 4.2 miles southeast of Nasonville at 5:44 PM CST. The tornado was 25 yards wide and traveled a mile and a half before dissipating 4.7 miles west of Bethel at 5:49 PM CST. The tornado touched down north of Pittsville, tearing leaves and twigs from tops of trees. The tornado was seen by a county sheriff.

Event 17: July 14, 2010

The EF0 tornado touched down 2.5 miles west southwest of Veedum at 4:18 PM CST. The tornado traveled a quarter of a mile and was 50 yards wide before it dissipated 2.2 miles west southwest of Veedum. The brief tornado was reported by the public and confirmed by local emergency management about 5 miles west of Pittsville. A dozen trees were knocked down and several large tree limbs fell onto a house. Wind speed estimated at 80 mph.

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Event 18: May 22, 2011

The EF1 tornado moved out of Juneau County at 5:03 PM CST and moved across southern Wood County. The storm hit a campground on the east shore of the Wisconsin River about three miles south of Nekoosa. Over 100 pine trees were snapped and uprooted on the campground, some two feet in diameter. Several camper vehicles were damaged by fallen trees. The tornado was seen by campground visitors just before 5:15 PM CST. The tornado continued east-northeast and snapped or uprooted hundreds of additional trees south of Wisconsin Rapids. The storm damaged at least six homes and several other buildings about six miles south-southeast of Wisconsin Rapids. One of the houses lost the entire roof of a garage. A woman was in the garage at the time. She sustained injuries when the garage fell on the truck that she was taking shelter in. This area experienced a high-end EF1 damage with winds at least 95 to 105 mph. The tornado entered Portage County around 5:20 PM CST. The tornado moved across mainly farmland. The twister continued to snap trees and overturn agricultural irrigation systems. About six miles south of Plover, a nearly half-mile long row of power poles was bent over. The tornado crossed Interstate 39 at Coddington Road two miles west of Keene. The tornado grew to nearly 700 yards wide as it passed just north of Keene and heavily damaged a farmstead. A silo was damaged, and a barn was flattened. Several outbuildings were also damaged or destroyed. Along the path, at least two dozen irrigation systems were overturned and damaged resulting in over one million dollars in losses. Many hundreds of trees were snapped or uprooted. This area experienced high end EF1 damage with winds of 100 to 110 mph. The tornado dissipated about 9 miles southeast of Plover at 5:46 PM CST. The average width was 300 yards in Portage County.

Event 19: August 23, 2011

The EF0 tornado was witnessed by local law enforcement. The tornado touched down for less than 10 seconds in a corn field. A couple of stalks of corn were thrown in the air, but no damage was reported. The EF0 tornado was estimated to have winds around 60 mph.