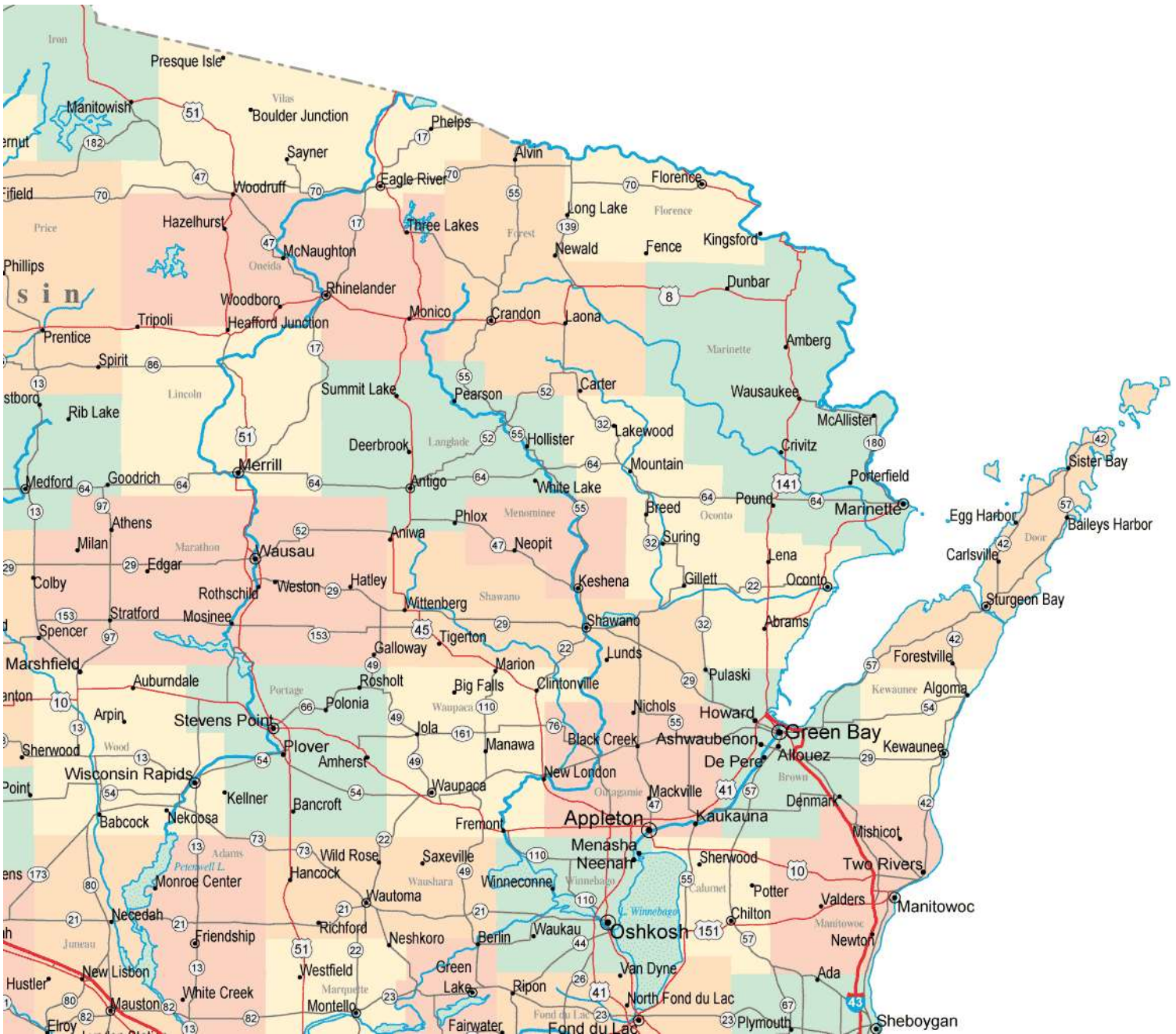


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WOOD

DECEMBER TORNADO / WATERSPOUT GUIDE

Event	F/EF	Date			Time	TOR in GRB Service Area	
#	Rank	Month	Day	Year	(CST)	Start / End Location	County or Counties
1	1	12	1	1970	07:00	Hull	Portage
2	2	12	1	1970	09:00	12 SE Marshfield	Wood
3	2	12	1	1970	09:45-10:30	4 NW Iola - Pella	Shawano - Langlade
4	3	12	1	1970	10:10-10:45	near Medina - Rose Lawn	Outagamie - Shawano

Event 1: December 1, 1970

A rare tornado event occurred across north central and northeast Wisconsin on this date. In all, there were four tornadoes on this date, including a F3. What made this event even more unusual was the time of day with all four tornadoes reported between 7 AM and 10:45 AM in the morning. The F1 tornado touched down on the Richard Rutta farm in the town of Hull north of Stevens Point in Portage County. The tornado was 200 yards wide and traveled nearly 3 miles before dissipating.

Event 2: December 1, 1970

Four rare December tornadoes were reported on this date across north-central and northeast Wisconsin. The F2 tornado touched down in Wood County 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 3: December 1, 1970

Four rare and only December tornadoes were reported on this date across north central and northeast Wisconsin. The F2 tornado touched down with severe damage around 9:45 AM CST on the Heschke farm 4 miles northwest of Iola in Waupaca County. The tornado moved east for 28 miles across Waupaca County into Shawano County before dissipating in Pella around 10:30 AM CST. The maximum width of the tornado was 200 yards. Additional damage occurred in the Marion and Pella areas. A lady and her three small children escaped injury when their mobile home was lifted by the tornado and exploded with debris scattered over the field.

Event 4: December 1, 1970

The F3 tornado developed around 10:15 AM CST near Medina in Outagamie County. The tornado moved northeastward at approximately 50 mph destroying about twenty barns and five homes. The tornado caused additional property damage along a track from Medina to Black Creek and beyond to near County Trunk C in southeastern Shawano County. The tornado was 200 yards wide and dissipated around 10:45 AM CST near Rose Lawn in Shawano County. Damage to farm buildings was estimated at \$500,000 dollars. Damage to a transmission line a mile and a half east of Stephenville was estimated at \$100,000.