

April 24 Tornadoes in SE Missouri

Three tornadoes were confirmed in Carter, Wayne, and Cape Girardeau Counties. Five persons were injured by the F-2 tornado at Ellsinore in Carter County. An occupant of a demolished mobile home was seriously injured. The other two tornadoes produced roof and tree damage, but no injuries. All three tornado path lengths were 4 to 8 miles. Details on these tornadoes along with pictures are below:

Carter County

3.2 SW Ellsinore to
4.8 NNE Ellsinore

24 1612CST 7.6 200 0 5 600K Tornado (F2)
1630CST

The tornado touched down about one mile south of the intersection of U.S. Highway 60 and County Highway 233 in eastern Carter County. The tornado tracked north-northeast, passing only about a mile west of the town of Ellsinore. The tornado damage path ended on County Road 365 less than one half mile before reaching the Wayne County line. Peak winds in the tornado were estimated at 150 MPH. Most of the injured were in a mobile home on the north side of U.S. Highway 60. Their mobile home was picked up and thrown into some trees. One person was critically injured. The critically injured person was paralyzed when her back and neck was broken, and she was airlifted to a St. Louis area hospital. Another person received a broken arm, and most of the remaining injuries were scrapes and cuts. The tornado destroyed a total of three mobile homes, a storage facility, and numerous sheds. Two homes and one business were severely damaged. Numerous vehicles were damaged.

Wayne County

4 SSW Patterson to
Patterson

24 1652CST 4 100 0 0 100K Tornado (F1)
1658CST

Trees and power lines were blown down. Two businesses and about six homes were severely damaged when most of their roofing was blown off. The businesses were a beauty shop and a post office. A dozen barns and sheds were destroyed. Several vehicles and some farm machinery was damaged. Peak winds were estimated near 100 MPH. Power outages affected about 100 people. Some county roads and secondary highways were blocked. The damage path began on Highway B and ended at the junction of Highway 34 and FF Highway. Most of the structural damage was in Patterson at the junction of Highways 34 and FF.







Cape Girardeau County

**.5 W Crump to
2 W Tilsit**

24

**1847CST
1857CST**

5.4

200

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10K

Tornado (F2)

Several barns were damaged, and one was destroyed. Two houses had roof damage. The most intense damage was in a forest, where hundreds of trees were snapped or uprooted. Peak winds were estimated at 130 MPH. The damage began on Highway RA, just south of Lake Girardeau, and continued northeast to about 2 miles west of Tilsit.



