
**Confirmed Tornado
Batchawana Bay, Ontario
September 11, 2007**

Date- Local: Tuesday, September 11th, 2007

UTC: Tuesday, September 11th, 2007

Time- Local: 1530

UTC: 1930

Location: Batchawana Bay (80 km N of Sault Ste. Marie)

Region: Sault Ste Marie - Superior East

Classification: Confirmed Tornado

Category: D

Casualties: None

Track Length: None available

Width: None available

Motion: None available

Damage Estimate: None available

F-Scale Rating: F0

Code: SS

Damage Survey: None

Spotter Reports: None

Other Documents:

Two e-mails from eyewitness detailing what was observed during the time of event, as well as a photo of a dissipating funnel and some damages

OSPC report detailing confirmation of an F0 tornado as well as outlining what the eyewitness reported.

Tornado F-Scale Assessment

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April 26th, 2010

Classification: Confirmed Tornado

Date: Tuesday, September 11th, 2007

Location: Batchawana Bay (80 km N of Sault Ste. Marie), Sault Ste Marie -
Superior East Region

Assessment: F0

F-Code: SS

Explanation of Assessment: Dining tents, awning, BBQ knocked over. Photo shows dissipating funnel cloud, eyewitness description of whirling rope coming in off the Carp River

From: JoAnne Burns [mailto:mjburns@shaw.ca]
Sent: Sunday, September 16, 2007 11:01 AM
To: Media Relations
Subject: Tornado - Batchawana Ontario

Hello:

I would like to report a tornado that had touched down in Batchawana Ontario (50 miles north of Sault Ste. Marie).

On Tuesday Sept 11 at approx. 3:30 pm we were looking out of the window from our trailer which is located at the Silver Birch Cabins and noticed smoke billowing up from the mouth of the Carp River. My husband went to look at it and within a few minutes a funnel cloud form and started to move. It became extremely windy and he started to run towards the trailer. The awning was ready to rip off, so he grabbed the awning and I ran outside to help him, meanwhile the trailer is rocking.

The tornado came right up the driveway at Silver Birch Cabins and headed towards the bush. The owners of Silver Birch Cabins did have damage to their BBQ, Dinning Tents etc.

I am sending you a picture of the tornado as it passed. This picture is taken from Hwy 17 in front of the Silver Birch. I am also sending some pictures of the damaged it cause. This tornada passed very quickly.

I thought I might report this for your information.

If you need to contact us by phone, here is my home number (705) 949-9073

Thanks
JoAnne Burns



Dissipating funnel





The sides were covered with fabric



Hi Geoff:

Sorry, I do not have any other pictures of the tornado, I was helping my husband to hold down our awning as he was flying in the air like the wizard of oz (ha). Kinda funny now, but at the time it wasn't. The awning was blowing so hard that it was lifting him off the ground.

We were watching white smoke billowing upwards like smoke from a fire pit, but the smoke was pure white and this was right at the mouth of the Carp River. The smoke was not swirling at this time and the weather was a dead calm. The winds picked up and three clouds came together and formed a whirling rope touching the ground. The trees buckled over but did not break and across the highway there was no wind. (Silver Birch is located right on Highway 17 N). A Van was heading towards Pancake Bay and stopped on the highway and the funnel cloud crossed. That is when my husband turned around and started to run (he says like the bionic man) and he was running towards our trailer. As the trailer was shaking a bit, I saw him grab the awning to hold onto it and that is when I went outside to help and the winds were strong. Once the wind stopped, a few seconds later, he grabbed the camera and that is the only picture I have.

He did not notice any debris swirling around and he said that the funnel was visible to the ground.

The one picture of the boat in the garage tent did have sides to it and the owner was inside getting his fishing gear ready to go fishing. He ran out of there quick.

Thanks Again

JoAnne

----- Original Message -----

From: [Coulson, Geoff \[Ontario\]](#)

To: mjburns@shaw.ca

Sent: Monday, September 17, 2007 10:36 AM

Subject: RE: Tornado - Batchawana Ontario

JoAnne...thanks very much for passing this information along. I will make sure to log the pictures and your account of the events of September 11th in our Severe Weather Database. I was wondering if you had any other pictures of the tornado you could send me...also, you described "smoke billowing up from the mouth of the Carp River"...as the tornado moved through your area did you notice any swirling debris at the surface? Was the funnel cloud visible all of the way from the base of the cloud down to the ground? Were there any trees damaged in this event and if so, were any pictures taken of the trees that were downed? Once again, thanks for sending in your note and pictures of this event...

Regards,

Geoff Coulson

Warning Preparedness Meteorologist

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Event type	Tornado (vetted)
Event start date	2007-9-11 UTC (exact)
Event start time	19:30:00 UTC (estimate)
Event duration	00:05:00 (rough)
Entered by	ruddicki (2008-09-12 18:02:41)
Event version	latest
fcst region	SAULT STE. MARIE - SUPERIOR EAST
meso region	SEARCHMONT - MONTREAL RIVER HARBOUR - BATCHAWANA BAY
Latitude/Longitude	46 ° 56' N 84 ° 36' W
Location	0 KM N of Batchawana Bay
Hail	no
Hail size descriptor	N/A
Hail diameter	N/A
Hail depth	N/A
Wind	no
Gust speed	N/A
Wind direction	N/A
Wind intensity	N/A
Rain	no
Rain amount	N/A
Rain duration	N/A
Tornado	yes
Tornado intensity	F0 (estimated)
Lightning	no
Lightning Intensity	N/A
Mesocyclone	no
Funnel Cloud	no
Waterspout	no
Narrative	CONFIRMED F0 TORNADO in Batchawana Bay. Ms. Burns reported a tornado in the Batchawana Bay area. She described the tornado as a whirling rope in contact with the ground. Some minor damage occurred at the Silver Birch Cabins (a barbeque, some dining tents etc.). Based on the relatively minor damage...event appears to be an F0.
Confidence	confirmed
Warning Criteria	met or exceeded
Source	Public
MSC initiated report of event	N/A
Contact name	JoAnne Burns
Contact phone	705 949-9073
Contact email	mjburns@shaw.ca
Contact address	N/A
Number of fatalities	N/A
Fatality comments	N/A
Number of injuries	N/A
Injury comments	N/A
Damage amount	N/A
Damage comments	N/A
Power outage	N/A

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