

NOTEWORTHY DERECHOS IN RECENT DECADES

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<http://www.spc.noaa.gov/misc/AbtDerechos/derechofacts.htm>

What are some of the more significant derechos that have occurred in North America?

Many significant derechos (i.e., those that have caused severe damage and/or casualties), have occurred over North America during the last few decades. Most of these affected the United States and Canada. Listed below is a selection of some of the more noteworthy events in recent years; the list is not all-inclusive. Information provided in the links includes a map of the area affected, and a description of the storm's impact.

Holiday weekend events

The human impact of the following events was enhanced by their occurrence on summer holiday weekends, causing many to be caught out-of-doors during the sudden onset of high winds...

[July 4, 1969](#)....."The Ohio Fireworks Derecho"....MI, OH, PA, WV

[July 4, 1977](#)....."The Independence Day Derecho of 1977"....ND, MN, WI, MI, OH

[July 4-5, 1980](#)....."The 'More Trees Down' Derecho"....NE, IA, MO, IL, WI, IN, MI, OH, PA, WV, VA, MD

[Sept. 7, 1998](#)....."The Syracuse Derecho of Labor Day 1998"....NY, PA, VT, MA, NH

[Sept. 7, 1998](#)....."The New York City Derecho of Labor Day 1998"....MI, OH, WV, PA, NJ, NY, CT

[July 4-5, 1999](#)....."The Boundary Waters-Canadian Derecho"....ND, MN, ON, QB, NH, VT, ME

The derechos of mid-July 1995

The mid-July 1995 derechos were noteworthy for both their intensity and range...

[Series Overview](#).....Montana to New England

[July 12-13, 1995](#)....."The Right Turn Derecho"....MT, ND, MN, WI, MI, ON, OH, PA, WV

[July 14-15, 1995](#)....."The Ontario-Adirondacks Derecho"....MI, ON, NY, VT, NH, MA, CT, RI

Serial derechos

Two well-documented, classic events over the eastern United States...

[April 9, 1991](#)....."The West Virginia Derecho of 1991"....AR, TN, MS, AL, KY, IN, OH, WV, VA, MD, PA

[March 12-13, 1993](#)...."The Storm of the Century Derecho"....FL, Cuba

"Southward bursts"

"Southward burst" is a term coined by Porter et al. in a 1955 paper (see reference [here](#)) to describe a progressive-type squall line that surges rapidly southward rather than east...

[May 4-5, 1989](#)....."The Texas Derecho of 1989"....TX, OK, LA

[May 27-28, 2001](#)....."The People Chaser Derecho"....KS, OK, TX

Other noteworthy events

[June 7, 1982](#)....."The Kansas City Derecho of 1982"....KS, MO, IL

[July 19, 1983](#)....."The I-94 Derecho"....ND, MN, IA, WI, MI, IL, IN

[May 17, 1986](#)....."The Texas Boaters' Derecho".....TX

[July 28-29, 1986](#)....."The Supercell Transition Derecho"....IA, MO, IL

[July 7-8, 1991](#)....."The Southern Great Lakes Derecho of 1991"....SD, IA, MN, WI, MI, IN, OH, ON, NY, PA

[May 30-31, 1998](#)....."The Southern Great Lakes Derecho of 1998"....MN, IA, WI, MI, ON, NY

[June 29, 1998](#)....."The Corn Belt Derecho of 1998"....NE, IA, IL, IN, KY

[July 22, 2003](#)....."The Mid-South Derecho of 2003"....AR, TN, MS, AL, GA, SC

[May 8, 2009](#)....."The 'Super Derecho' of May 2009"....KS, MO, AR, IL, IN, KY, TN, VA, WV, NC