

# Flood Event of 6/6/1862 - 6/6/1862

## Main Stem Delaware

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Stockton	18.00	6/6/1862	21.80	-9,999	Moderate	Delaware	Delaware River	Hunterdon	Hunterdon

## Weather Summary

A "History of Bethlehem, PA 1741 -1892" called the Great Flood of 1862 "the most disastrous flood on record in the valley." The Lehigh River rose more rapidly than had ever been known before on the afternoon of June 4, 1862. Citing records maintained by the Bethlehem Bridge Company, noted the water gauge on the Lehigh River reached 20.5 feet, slightly above the Great Flood of January 1841 (20 feet). The Lehigh River eventually crested around noon on June 5, 1862, although the Delaware continued to rise, swelled by the very heavy runoff from tributaries entering the river basin.

Source: Gelber, Ben. The Pennsylvania Weather Book. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers UP, 2002. Print.

## Crest Statistics and Flood Information

First flood of 1 that occurred in Jun, 1862

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Number of Floods at MARFC Forecast Points - 1

Number of Floods Cresting in Minor Range - 0

Number of Floods Cresting in Moderate Range - 1

Number of Floods Cresting in Major Range - 0

Number of Floods Cresting in Missing Range - 0