

Flood Event of 4/25/1937 - 4/28/1937

Appomattox

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Farmville	16.00	4/26/1937	20.28	12,100	Moderate	Appomattox	Appomattox River	Cumberland	Prince Edward
Mattoax	21.00	4/28/1937	29.27	20,100	Major	Appomattox	Appomattox River	Amelia	Amelia

James

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Cartersville	20.00	4/26/1937	27.73	133,000	Major	James	James River	Goochland	Cumberland
Palmyra	17.00	4/26/1937	33.35	56,700	Major	James	Rivanna River	Fluvanna	Fluvanna
Richmond	12.00	4/27/1937	22.65	152,000	Major	James	James River	Henrico	Independent City

Juniata

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Newport	22.00	4/27/1937	24.40	100,000	Minor	Juniata	Juniata River	Perry	Perry
Williamsburg	12.00	4/28/1937	12.43	11,400	Minor	Juniata	Frankstown Branch Juniata River	Blair	Blair
Williamsburg	12.00	4/26/1937	13.90	13,400	Moderate	Juniata	Frankstown Branch Juniata River	Blair	Blair

Main Stem Susquehanna

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Hogestown	8.00	4/27/1937	9.66	9,580	Minor	Conodoguinet	Conodoguinet Creek	Cumberland	Cumberland

Shermans Dale	9.00	4/27/1937	9.87	9,330	Minor	Lower Main Stem Susquehanna	Sherman Creek	Perry	Perry
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North Branch Potomac

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Cumberland	17.00	4/26/1937	24.20	51,700	Major	North Branch Potomac	North Branch Potomac River	Allegany	Allegany
Cumberland	10.00	4/26/1937	13.45	18,600	Moderate	North Branch Potomac	Wills Creek	Allegany	Allegany

Potomac

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Fairview	10.00	4/28/1937	13.84	14,200	Moderate	Potomac	Conococheague Creek	Washington	Washington
Frederick	15.00	4/27/1937	21.70	33,800	Major	Potomac	Monocacy River at Jug Bridge	Frederick	Frederick
Great Cacapon	9.00	4/26/1937	22.60	47,400	Major	Potomac	Cacapon River	Morgan	Morgan
Hancock	30.00	4/27/1937	35.70	153,000	Major	Potomac	Potomac River	Washington	Washington
Harpers Ferry	18.00	4/27/1937	29.00	-9,999	Major	Potomac	Potomac River	Jefferson	Jefferson
Little Falls (Washington DC)	10.00	4/28/1937	23.30	347,000	Major	Potomac	Potomac River	Montgomery	Montgomery
Point of Rocks	16.00	4/27/1937	33.86	310,000	Major	Potomac	Potomac River	Frederick	Frederick
Sharpsburg	8.00	4/27/1937	10.67	6,040	Moderate	Potomac	Antietam Creek	Washington	Washington
Shepherdstown	15.00	4/27/1937	33.22	207,000	Major	Potomac	Potomac River	Jefferson	Jefferson
Williamsport	23.00	4/27/1937	37.00	-9,999	Major	Potomac	Potomac River	Washington	Washington
Wisconsin Ave, Washington, DC	6.00	4/28/1937	14.30	-9,999	Major	Potomac	Potomac River	Dist. of Columbia	Dist. of Columbia

Rappahannock

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Culpeper	14.00	4/26/1937	28.03	50,000	Major	Rappahannock	Rapidan River	Culpeper	Culpeper
Fredericksburg (Old Site)	18.00	4/26/1937	39.10	-9,999	Major	Rappahannock	Rappahannock River	Spotsylvania	Independent City
Remington	15.00	4/26/1937	29.20	-9,999	Major	Rappahannock	Rappahannock River	Fauquier	Fauquier

Shenandoah

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Cootes Store	15.00	4/25/1937	17.00	186,000	Minor	Shenandoah	Shenandoah River	Rockingham	Rockingham
Front Royal	12.00	4/27/1937	18.94	51,500	Major	Shenandoah	Shenandoah River	Warren	Warren
Lynnwood	16.00	4/26/1937	20.48	39,800	Major	Shenandoah	Shenandoah River	Rockingham	Rockingham
Millville	13.50	4/27/1937	20.20	87,400	Major	Shenandoah	Shenandoah River	Jefferson	Jefferson
Strasburg	17.00	4/26/1937	20.93	24,900	Moderate	Shenandoah	North Fork Shenandoah River	Warren	Shenandoah

South Branch Potomac

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Petersburg	10.00	4/26/1937	10.30	12,200	Minor	South Branch Potomac	South Branch Potomac River	Grant	Grant
Springfield	15.00	4/27/1937	23.00	57,000	Moderate	South Branch Potomac	South Branch Potomac River	Hampshire	Hampshire

Weather Summary

April 1937: Just one year after the record flood of March 1936, another major flood struck Virginia. Heavy rains caused widespread flooding over all but southwest Virginia. The Rappahannock Basin was hit hardest. Fredericksburg saw its worst flood since 1889 when the river swelled to 30 feet above normal. Three bridge spans were lost, home in low areas were partially submerged and a score of gasoline storage tanks were swept away. Four young Culpeper residents died in Madison County when their car plunged off a bridge at Locust Dale into the Robinson River. The approach to the bridge had been washed away by the flood waters. Another person was lost in Amelia County when their car dropped into the river where a bridge approach was washed out. A sixth person was drowned when a roadway over a dam collapsed. Flooding on the Potomac was not as bad as the previous year, yet the river reached 14.3 feet at Wisconsin avenue and portions of Alexandria and Arlington again flooded. Total damages to roads and bridges in Virginia came to nearly a half a million dollars. Agricultural losses came to over a million dollars in Northern Virginia alone. From the NWS Sterling, VA office.

Source: Watson, Barbara. "NWS Sterling, VA - Virginia Floods." Virginia Floods. National Weather Service Eastern Region Headquarters, 28 Dec. 2005. Web. <[http://ww](http://www)

Crest Statistics and Flood Information

Second flood of 2 that occurred in Apr, 1937

Sixth flood of 10 that occurred in 1937

Number of Floods at MARFC Forecast Points - 33

Number of Floods Cresting in Minor Range - 6

Number of Floods Cresting in Moderate Range - 7

Number of Floods Cresting in Major Range - 20

Number of Floods Cresting in Missing Range - 0