

Flood Event of 5/24/1968 - 5/24/1968

Potomac

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Luke	10.50	5/24/1968	10.84	13,600	Minor	Potomac	North Branch Potomac River	Mineral	Allegany

Weather Summary

On May 24th 1968, two low pressure systems were in the general vicinity of Maryland. One system was centered right over Virginia, while the other was situated more west, over the southern portion of the Indiana/Ohio border. The low situated over Virginia included a stationary front, which helped the rainfall associated with the low to stay in the Maryland/Virginia area, leading to high rainfall accumulations. Many stations in the North branch of the Potomac River basin saw well over an inch of rain. Westernport, MD measured 2.10 inches; Frostburg, MD saw a rainfall total of 1.16 inches, and Savage River Dam, MD measured 2.15 inches.

Source: Ashley Ellis – The Pennsylvania State University

Crest Statistics and Flood Information

First flood of 2 that occurred in May, 1968

Fifth flood of 8 that occurred in 1968

Number of Floods at MARFC Forecast Points - 1

Number of Floods Cresting in Minor Range - 1

Number of Floods Cresting in Moderate Range - 0

Number of Floods Cresting in Major Range - 0

Number of Floods Cresting in Missing Range - 0