

# Flood Event of 8/20/1969 - 8/21/1969

## James

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Bent Creek	16.00	8/20/1969	24.77	144,000	Moderate	James	James River	Nelson	Appomattox
Bremo Bluff	19.00	8/20/1969	39.10	188,100	Major	James	James River	Fluvanna	Fluvanna
Buchanan	17.00	8/20/1969	23.37	65,800	Moderate	James	James River	Botetourt	Botetourt
Buena Vista	17.00	8/20/1969	31.23	105,000	Major	James	Maury River	Rockbridge	Independent City
Cartersville	20.00	8/21/1969	33.75	250,000	Major	James	James River	Goochland	Cumberland
Holcomb Rock	22.00	8/20/1969	35.50	150,000	Major	James	James River	Bedford	Bedford
Lick Run	16.00	8/20/1969	25.53	58,500	Major	James	James River	Botetourt	Botetourt
Palmyra	17.00	8/20/1969	39.85	86,000	Major	James	Rivanna River	Fluvanna	Fluvanna
Richmond	12.00	8/21/1969	24.95	222,000	Major	James	James River	Henrico	Independent City
Scottsville	20.00	8/20/1969	30.00	188,000	Major	James	James River	Albemarle	Albermarle

## Shenandoah

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Waynesboro	9.50	8/20/1969	15.27	17,400	Major	Shenandoah	South River	Augusta	Independent City

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## Weather Summary

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The remnants of Hurricane Camille moved eastward into Virginia on the evening of August 19 and reintensified as it entered an area of abundant moisture. The storm dropped torrential rainfall of 12 inches to 20 inches, with a maximum of 27 inches in Nelson County, VA. Most of the rainfall occurred in Virginia during a 3-5 hour period on August 19 and 20. Many rivers in Virginia and West Virginia set records for peak flood stages. In the mountain slopes between Charlottesville and Lynchburg, more than 10 inches of rain fell in a course of 12 hours. Waynesboro on the South River had eight feet of water downtown, and Buena Vista had more than five feet.

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## Crest Statistics and Flood Information

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Third flood of 3 that occurred in Aug, 1969

Ninth flood of 14 that occurred in 1969

Number of Floods at MARFC Forecast Points - 11

Number of Floods Cresting in Minor Range - 0

Number of Floods Cresting in Moderate Range - 2

Number of Floods Cresting in Major Range - 9

Number of Floods Cresting in Missing Range - 0