

Flood Event of 5/31/1985 - 6/1/1985

North Branch Potomac

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Kitzmilller	9.00	5/31/1985	11.87	23,300	Moderate	North Branch Potomac	Potomac River	Garret	Garret

South Branch Potomac

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Petersburg	10.00	5/31/1985	10.24	12,600	Minor	South Branch Potomac	South Branch Potomac River	Grant	Grant
Springfield	15.00	6/1/1985	16.20	24,400	Minor	South Branch Potomac	South Branch Potomac River	Hampshire	Hampshire

Weather Summary

A cold front associated with a strong low pressure centered over Canada brought heavy rain showers and thunderstorms to the Mid-Atlantic States. This same system was responsible for a deadly outbreak of tornadoes across Pennsylvania and Ohio. Further to the south, rains associated with the front caused an increase in flow across parts of the Potomac Basin on the 31st of May and the 1st of June. This led to minor flooding in Kitzmiller, MD and Springfield WV.

Crest Statistics and Flood Information

First flood of 1 that occurred in May, 1985

Fourth flood of 8 that occurred in 1985

Number of Floods at MARFC Forecast Points - 3

Number of Floods Cresting in Minor Range - 2

Number of Floods Cresting in Moderate Range - 1

Number of Floods Cresting in Major Range - 0

Number of Floods Cresting in Missing Range - 0