

## Potomac River at Hancock, Maryland

<b>Latitude:</b>	<b>Longitude:</b>	<b>Gauge Elevation:</b>	<b>Drainage Area:</b>	<b>County of Gage:</b>	<b>County of Town:</b>	<b>Weather Office:</b>
39°41'51.2" or 39.697500° N	78°10'40.4" or 78.177778° W	383.00 feet	4,064 mi2	Washington, MD	Washington, MD	Sterling
<b>Major Basin:</b>	<b>Sub Basin:</b>	<b>Minor Sub Basin:</b>		<b>Minor:</b>	<b>Moderate:</b>	<b>Major:</b>
Potomac	Potomac	Potomac		30.00	33.00	35.00
<b>Period of Record (used in flood frequency)</b>				<b>Outside Period of Record (not used in flood frequency)</b>		
1/21/1937 to Present				6/1/1889 to 1/20/1937		
<b>Feet</b>	<b>Flood Impacts</b>					
56.00	Water approaches the highest point on Main Street.					
46.00	Water floods the railroad depot.					
45.00	Floodwater isolates the town of Hancock.					
40.00	Water floods 25 to 30 homes along the West Virginia side of the river just downstream from Hancock, and at least another 20 to 30 in Hancock itself.					
35.00	Water inundates 20 to 30 homes and 5 or more businesses in the west end of Hancock.					
33.00	Water floods low spots on East Main Street in Hancock.					
31.00	Water begins to flood low spots of West Main Street in Hancock.					
30.00	Water begins to inundate homes and business in Hancock. Water covers the road to the maintenance shop for the National Park Service near Hancock. The west end of the Potomac Airpark runway begins to flood.					
28.00	Water begins to inundate some yards on the west end of Hancock. Water also begins to collect on the west end of the CSX Railyard on the West Virginia side.					
25.00	Water may begin to inundate low points of the CSX Railroad tracks on the West Virginia side of the river due to backwater. Additionally, access to Potomac Airpark may be restricted due to backwater.					
24.00	Water begins to overflow into low lying areas.					
21.00	The boat ramp at Four Locks is covered by water. Half the parking lot there is also covered.					
7.50	The river is at danger level for boaters as defined by the State of Maryland. At these levels, conditions are extremely hazardous.					
3.50	The river reaches caution level for boaters as defined by the State of Maryland. Fast moving water and changing currents can be expected.					
<b>Gauge Stage Changes</b>						
<b>Start and End Date</b>		<b>Minor</b>		<b>Moderate</b>		<b>Major</b>
Not available		Not available		Not available		Not available