

## Potomac River at Paw Paw, West Virginia

<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°32'20.1" or 39.538889° N	78°27'23.0" or 78.456389° W	487.21 feet	3,129 mi <sup>2</sup>	Allegany, MD	Morgan, WV	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		25.00	28.00	32.00

<b>Period of Record (used in flood frequency)</b>	<b>Outside Period of Record (not used in flood frequency)</b>
3/25/1939 to Present	1877 to 3/24/1939

Feet	Flood Impacts
62.00	Water covers the bridge over the Potomac at the state line in Paw Paw.
50.00	Homes in Paw Paw begin to flood.
46.00	Water approaches the intersection of West Virginia Route 9 and Winchester Street in Paw Paw.
40.00	The right bank of the river floods extensive sections of the town of Paw Paw, north of the B&O Railroad. The towpath of the C&O Canal also begins to flood.
37.00	Floodwaters cover both West Virginia Route 9 and Maryland Route 51. Businesses in the town of Paw Paw begin to flood.
34.00	Water reaches the settling pond next to Paw Paw Park.
30.00	Paw Paw Tunnel Campground begins to flood.
26.00	Water covers an access road on the West Virginia side.
25.00	A parking area adjacent to the highway bridge begins to flood. The roadway to the C&O Canal parking area floods, as does the lowest end of the Purslane Run hiker/biker area.
22.50	Water reaches the top of the boat ramp in Paw Paw Festival Park.
11.00	The river reaches danger level for boaters as defined by the State of Maryland. At danger level, conditions are considered extremely hazardous.
5.00	The river reaches caution level for boaters as defined by the State of Maryland. Fast moving water and current changes can be expected.

Gauge Stage Changes			
Start and End Date	Minor	Moderate	Major
Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available