

Top10 Highest Historical Crests: North Branch Potomac River near Cumberland, MD

Latitude: 39.622

Period of Record: 1889-Present

Longitude: -78.773

Flood Stage: 17

Last Flood: 9/9/2018

Number of Floods: 30

Date of Flood	Crest (ft)	Streamflow (cfs)	Weather Summary
6/1/1889	29.2	89,000	A mesoscale convective complex caused 9 inches of rain to fall in 36 hours with 4 inches of rain occurring in 8 hours. Most of Williamsport, Lock Haven, Muncy, Jersey Shore and Montgomery were submerged.
3/17/1936	29.1	88,200	Two successive rainstorms combined with snowmelt flooded the Eastern Seaboard from Virginia to Maine. A total of 150 to 200 lives were lost and damage estimates were over \$1 million.
3/29/1924	28.4	82,000	The weather summary is unavailable at this time.
1/19/1996	25.56	59,200	Southerly winds, high dewpoints and intense rainfall caused a rapid snowmelt. The resultant flooding was the worst to hit the entire MARFC area since 1972.
10/28/1937	25.1	57,400	The weather summary is unavailable at this time.
4/26/1937	24.2	51,700	Heavy rains caused widespread flooding across most of Virginia. The Rappahannock basin was hit the hardest, but the Potomac River at Wisconsin Avenue rose to 14.3 feet. Six people died and total damages were well over \$1.5 million.
10/15/1942	24.04	50,500	The remnants of the eighth tropical storm of the year produced torrential rains and caused the worst river flooding in the history of Virginia.
10/16/1954	23.85	38,500	Hurricane Hazel dumped 6- 10 inches of rain in the western portion of Virginia.
8/18/1955	22.6	34,300	Hurricane Diane made landfall 5 days after Hurricane Connie. Hurricane Diane produced several inches of rain with locally heavier amounts of 10 to 20 inches.

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North Branch Potomac Basin

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9/7/1996	22.55	-9,999	Hurricane Fran produced up to 16 inches of rain in the western part of Virginia and up to 7 inches in the Juniata Basin in Pennsylvania. Fran was the worst flood even to hit Maryland since Hurricane Hazel and the January 1996 Flood.

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