

# Top10 Highest Historical Crests: South Branch Potomac River at Franklin, WV

Latitude: 38.636  
Flood Stage: 7

Period of Record: 1936-Present  
Last Flood: 4/16/2018

Longitude: -79.338  
Number of Floods: 26

Date of Flood	Crest (ft)	Streamflow (cfs)	Weather Summary
11/4/1985	22.58	44,000	Hurricane Juan produced more than 1 inch of rain in VA with more than 7 inches reported in higher elevations. A coastal low pressure system produced an additional 1-7 inches of rain and caused widespread major flooding in Virginia and Maryland.
9/6/1996	19.16	34,000	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.
3/18/1936	13	18,500	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.
11/19/2003	12.26	16,800	Widespread heavy rain showers from a low pressure system amounted to 1-3 inches of rain across several states.
9/19/2003	12.14	16,500	Hurricane Isabel combined with another system and produced more than 3 inches of rain in VA with locally heavier amounts of 10 inches. Another low pressure system moved through the region and produced a few additional inches of rain.
6/17/1949	11.4	15,000	Torrential rains in Virginia from June 17 into June 18 produced more than 10 inches of rain and caused the worst flooding in Virginia's history
4/16/1993	9.71	11,200	Thunderstorms produced generally 1-2 inches of rainfall, with locally heavier amounts of 2-4 inches across Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.
3/2/2007	9.52	10,700	A cold front produced 1-2 inches of rainfall that combined with snowmelt to produce flooding.
1/26/1978	9.15	10,100	The Cleveland Super Bomb produced heavy rainfall totals of 1 - 4 inches on top of a 6 inch snowpack and caused significant flooding throughout most of the region.

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1/25/2010	9.12	9,920	A strong low pressure system produced 2- 5 inches of rain in 24 hours.

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