

Top10 Highest Historical Crests: Potomac River at Paw Paw, MD

Latitude: 69.539
Flood Stage: 25

Period of Record: 1877-Present
Last Flood: 12/16/2018

Longitude: -78.456
Number of Floods: 43

Date of Flood	Crest (ft)	Streamflow (cfs)	Weather Summary
3/18/1936	54	240,000	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.
11/5/1985	53.58	235,000	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.
6/1/1889	45	-9,999	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.
11/24/1877	45	-9,999	Actual date unknown.
5/13/1924	43.5	-9,999	The weather summary is unavailable at this time.
9/7/1996	43.45	140,000	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.
1/20/1996	40.86	122,000	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.
10/16/1942	38.36	111,000	The remnants of the eighth tropical storm of the year produced torrential rains and caused the worst river flooding in the history of Virginia.
8/19/1955	35.35	91,600	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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Potomac Basin

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6/19/1949	33.91	85,200	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

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