

# Top10 Highest Historical Crests: South Branch Potomac River near Petersburg, WV

Latitude: 38.991  
Flood Stage: 14

Period of Record: 1877-Present  
Last Flood: 4/16/2018

Longitude: -79.176  
Number of Floods: 53

Date of Flood	Crest (ft)	Streamflow (cfs)	Weather Summary
6/17/1949	22.83	62,000	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
9/6/1996	22.2	113,000	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.
11/5/1985	21.8	130,000	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.
11/24/1877	21.2	59,000	Actual date unknown.
3/17/1936	20.3	49,800	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.
1/19/1996	20	82,000	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.
5/13/1924	19.2	45,000	The weather summary is unavailable at this time.
4/16/2018	16.93	36,500	Widespread minor to moderate river flooding as a result of area-wide heavy rains with totals of 3+ inches.
10/6/1972	16.16	32,100	A weak low pressure system and a cold front produced 6-8 inches of rain in the Shenandoah Valley, with locally heavier amounts of up to 11 inches.

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Gage Datum: 967.87 ft MSL

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2/4/1932	15.18	28,300	The weather summary is unavailable at this time.

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