

# Top10 Highest Historical Crests: West Branch Susquehanna River at Watsontown, PA

Latitude: 41.082  
Flood Stage: 23

Period of Record: 1936-Present  
Last Flood: 9/8/2011

Longitude: -76.864  
Number of Floods: 12

Date of Flood	Crest (ft)	Streamflow (cfs)	Weather Summary
6/23/1972	37.5	-9,999	Hurricane Agnes made landfall again over southeastern New York on June 22 and moved westward into Pennsylvania. Rainfall totals from June 20-25 range from 2-3 inches in the Upper Potomac to 18 inches near Shamokin, Pennsylvania.
3/18/1936	36.25	-9,999	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.
5/29/1946	30.5	-9,999	The weather summary is unavailable at this time.
9/19/2004	28.8	-9,999	The remnants of Hurricane Ivan, combined with a cold front, produced an average rainfall amount of 2-4 inches in NY, 3-7 inches in PA, 1-3.5 inches in NJ and 2 inches in WV.
11/26/1950	28.6	-9,999	Record breaking cold air spawned a coastal "bomb" that retrograded back to the lower Great Lakes underneath a deep closed vortex. Several inches of rain fell across the area.
1/20/1996	28.5	-9,999	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.
3/12/1936	27.5	-9,999	One to two inches of water equivalent from snowmelt combined with near 3 inches of rainfall to produce flooding and set the stage for the big March 17, 1936 flood event.
9/8/2011	26.7	-9,999	The remnants of tropical storm (TS) Lee moved up the Appalachian Mountains and interacted with a quasi-stationary east-west frontal boundary. 10 to 15 inches fell at numerous locations in Central PA and NY.
3/31/1942	24.75	-9,999	The weather summary is unavailable at this time.

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