

Floods Caused by Tropical Systems: Potomac River at Paw Paw, MD

Latitude: 69.539

Period of Record: 1877-Present

Longitude: -78.456

Flood Stage: 25

Last Flood: 12/16/2018

Number of Floods: 43

| Date of Flood | Crest (ft) | Streamflow (cfs) | Weather Summary |
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| 10/16/1954 | 32.24 | 78,100 | Hurricane Hazel dumped 6- 10 inches of rain in the western portion 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. |
| 6/23/1972 | 28.83 | 64,500 | 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. |
| 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. |
| 9/20/2003 | 27.91 | 60,500 | 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. |
| 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. |
| 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. |

Drainage Area: 3129 square miles

Gage Datum: 487.21 ft MSL

Data represent all historical events.
Potomac Basin

County of Gage: Allegany
County of Forecast Point: Morgan