Historical Floods: South Fork Shenandoah River near Luray, VA

Latitude: 38.646 Period of Record: 1896-Present Longitude: -78.535 Flood Stage: 14 Last Flood: 9/28/2018 Number of Floods: 25

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Date of Flood	Crest (ft)	Streamflow (cfs)	Category	Code		Date of Flood	Crest (ft)	Streamflow (cfs)	Category	Code
10/1/1896	25.4	-9,999	Major	C1 C8		1/26/2010	16.88	39,000	Minor	C1
5/12/1924	22.5	72,800	Moderate	C1 C4 C8		4/17/2011	17.6	42,600	Major	C1
3/18/1936	23.6	81,600	Moderate	C1		6/3/2018	15.2	27,600	Minor	none
8/17/1940	17.87	41,100	Minor	C1		9/18/2018	17.63	39,700	Minor	none
5/23/1942	17.82	40,500	Minor	C1		9/28/2018	14.53	24,700	Minor	none
10/16/1942	25.7	100,000	Major	C1						
9/19/1945	18.36	44,100	Minor	C1						
6/18/1949	20.46	58,100	Moderate	C1						
12/8/1950	15.18	26,900	Minor	C1						
9/6/1979	15.73	32,700	Minor	C1						
2/14/1984	15.62	32,300	Minor	C1						
11/5/1985	26.72	110,000	Major	C1						
4/17/1987	18.5	47,000	Minor	C1						
4/22/1992	16.33	35,600	Minor	C1						
3/5/1993	17.18	39,700	Minor	C1						
9/7/1996	26.95	112,000	Major	C1						
1/8/1998	16.39	36,700	Minor	C1						
9/20/2003	19.11	50,600	Minor	C1						
9/29/2004	16.24	36,000	Minor	C1						
11/30/2005	15.77	33,800	Minor	C1						

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Code Description

- C1 Crest information looks unreliable and incomplete and not used in frequency calculations. Some of the floods are based on current flood stage and nearby gage information.
- C2 Crest information looks reliable despite potential problems. This data was used in frequency calculations.
- C3 Crest height estimated by the USGS.
- C4 Crest height is from the National Weather Service.
- C5 Crest height affected by backwater.
- Crest occurred at a previous flood stage that is lower than the current flood stage. The crests below the new flood stage are not used in flood frequency calculations.
- C7 Crest from USGS yearly peak and/or date is different than the crest we provide. In many cases MARFC uses crest based on backwater or ice effects.
- Crest month or day of occurrence has been estimated by The Middle Atlantic River Forecast Center usually based on nearby gage information.
- C9 Crest date (day) in the month is unknown.
- F1 Flow is an estimate.
- F2 Flow affected by regulation or diversion and in some cases to an unknown degree.
- F3 Flow effected by snow-melt, ice jam or debris jam break up.
- F4 Flow affected by dam failure.
- F5 Flow All or part of the record affected by urbanization, mining, agricultural changes, channelization or other factors.
- G1 Gage height at a different site and/or datum.
- Gage is not an official USGS gage with crests provided by the NWS. Crest information looks unreliable and incomplete and not used in flood frequency calculations.
- G3 Gage datum changed during this year.

none No code; Good Data

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