

Top10 Highest Historical Crests: Potomac River at Hancock, MD

Latitude: 39.698
Flood Stage: 30

Period of Record: 1889-Present
Last Flood: 9/8/1996

Longitude: -78.178
Number of Floods: 13

Date of Flood	Crest (ft)	Streamflow (cfs)	Weather Summary
3/18/1936	47.6	340,000	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.
11/6/1985	41.2	207,000	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	40	220,000	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.
10/16/1942	36.63	155,000	The remnants of the eighth tropical storm of the year produced torrential rains and caused the worst river flooding in the history of Virginia.
1/20/1996	36.26	152,000	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.
9/8/1996	35.81	148,000	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.
4/27/1937	35.7	153,000	Heavy rains caused widespread flooding across most of Virginia. The Rappahannock basin was hit the hardest, but the Potomac River at Wisconsin Avenue rose to 14.3 feet. Six people died and total damages were well over \$1.5 million.
5/13/1924	35	160,000	The weather summary is unavailable at this time.
8/19/1955	32.4	123,000	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.

Drainage Area: 4064 square miles
Gage Datum: 383 ft MSL

Data represent all historical events.
Potomac Basin

County of Gage: Washington
County of Forecast Point: Washington

Date of Flood	Crest (ft)	Streamflow (cfs)	Weather Summary
3/30/1924	32.4	130,000	The weather summary is unavailable at this time.

Drainage Area: 4064 square miles
Gage Datum: 383 ft MSL

Data represent all historical events.
Potomac Basin

County of Gage: Washington
County of Forecast Point: Washington