

# Top10 Highest Historical Crests: Schuylkill River at Philadelphia, PA

Latitude: 39.968

Period of Record: 1769-Present

Longitude: -75.189

Flood Stage: 11

Last Flood: 7/12/2019

Number of Floods: 66

Date of Flood	Crest (ft)	Streamflow (cfs)	Weather Summary
10/4/1869	17	135,000	On October 4, the "Saxby Gale" hurricane brought widespread heavy rain to the northeastern U.S., from Virginia to Maine. Eastern Pennsylvania collected more than 5 inches. Severe flooding throughout the Mid-Atlantic and New England.
3/1/1902	14.8	98,000	A series of snowstorms followed by heavy rains caused flooding on the Lehigh and Delaware Rivers as well as the most destructive flood on the Susquehanna in the Wyoming Valley since 1865.
8/24/1933	14.7	96,200	A strong Category 1 storm, the Chesapeake-Potomac Hurricane brought more than 10 inches of rain to Maryland, Delaware and Southern New Jersey. Other locations throughout the Mid-Atlantic measured more than 4 inches of rain.
6/23/1972	14.65	103,000	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.
6/2/1946	14.57	94,600	The weather summary is unavailable at this time.
11/25/1950	14.32	89,800	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.
8/19/1955	14.32	90,100	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.
7/9/1935	14.1	82,000	10 inches of rain fell at Cortland, NY in 48 hours.
9/17/1999	14.1	92,500	Hurricane Floyd produced heavy rainfall from Virginia to Long Island. Rainfall totals ranged from 12 inches in Delaware to 16.57 inches in Newport News, Virginia. Two dams burst in New Jersey and several flood records were broken in New Jersey.

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Gage Datum: 5.74 ft MSL

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5/1/2014	13.91	88,300	The boundary between the cold air and the warm moist air produced heavy rainfall and flooding from eastern VA NE through NJ. The surge of high PW air and strong winds over the cold front had the appearance of a Maddox synoptic type event.

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