

Top10 Highest Historical Crests: Potomac River at Harpers Ferry, WV

Latitude: 39.324
Flood Stage: 18

Period of Record: 1877-Present
Last Flood: 12/17/2018

Longitude: -77.729
Number of Floods: 45

Date of Flood	Crest (ft)	Streamflow (cfs)	Weather Summary
3/19/1936	36.5	-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.
6/1/1889	34.8	-9,999	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	33.8	-9,999	The remnants of the eighth tropical storm of the year produced torrential rains and caused the worst river flooding in the history of Virginia.
10/1/1896	33	-9,999	A hurricane knocked out communication in Richmond. Several buildings were unroofed in Petersburg. In Buena Vista, the fire department rescued people from their homes. The Potomac, Chesapeake and Ohio Canals merged into one giant canal.
11/6/1985	30.1	-9,999	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.
9/8/1996	29.8	-9,999	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.
1/21/1996	29.4	-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.
11/25/1877	29.2	-9,999	Actual date unknown.
4/27/1937	29	-9,999	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.

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Gage Datum: 245.53 ft MSL

Data represent all historical events.
Potomac Basin

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6/23/1972	27.7	-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.

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