

# Top10 Highest Historical Crests: Potomac River at Williamsport, MD

Latitude: 39.609  
Flood Stage: 23

Period of Record: 1932-Present  
Last Flood: 6/4/2018

Longitude: -77.848  
Number of Floods: 10

Date of Flood	Crest (ft)	Streamflow (cfs)	Weather Summary
3/18/1936	48.6	-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.
4/27/1937	37	-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.
11/6/1985	36.3	-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.
10/16/1942	36.1	-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.
1/20/1996	34.8	-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.
6/23/1972	34	-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.
9/8/1996	31.1	-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.
5/13/1932	26.5	-9,999	The weather summary is unavailable at this time.
10/9/1976	25	-9,999	A low pressure system and its slow moving front produced 2 to 5 inches of rainfall at most locations through the Mid-Atlantic Region.

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Potomac Basin

County of Gage: Washington  
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6/4/2018	24.1	87,700	Major flooding in the Potomac basin as a stalled cold front served as a focal point for heavy rainfall upon soaked soils. Record flooding at Edwards Ferry, MD.

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