

# Floods Caused by Tropical Systems: Potomac River at Paw Paw, MD

Latitude: 69.539  
Flood Stage: 25

Period of Record: 1877-Present  
Last Flood: 12/16/2018

Longitude: -78.456  
Number of Floods: 43

Date of Flood	Crest (ft)	Streamflow (cfs)	Weather Summary
10/16/1954	32.24	78,100	Hurricane Hazel dumped 6- 10 inches of rain in the western portion of Virginia.
8/19/1955	35.35	91,600	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.
6/23/1972	28.83	64,500	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.
10/16/1942	38.36	111,000	The remnants of the eighth tropical storm of the year produced torrential rains and caused the worst river flooding in the history of Virginia.
9/20/2003	27.91	60,500	Hurricane Isabel combined with another system and produced more than 3 inches of rain in VA with locally heavier amounts of 10 inches. Another low pressure system moved through the region and produced a few additional inches of rain.
9/7/1996	43.45	140,000	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.
11/5/1985	53.58	235,000	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.

Drainage Area: 3129 square miles  
Gage Datum: 487.21 ft MSL

Data represent all historical events.  
Potomac Basin

County of Gage: Allegany  
County of Forecast Point: Morgan