

Historic floods on the Wipper River

Sondershausen
Die vom Hochwasser betroffene Unterstadt



Significant flooding of the Wipperf between 1600 and 1950 (selection)

1613 (May)	Catastrophic damages during the "Thuringian Deluge"
1682 (January)	The flood results in enormous losses
1752 (August)	Significant crop losses
1769 (June/July)	Water spoils the hay in the meadows
1795 (July)	Long periods of rain cause large floods
1816 (June/July)	After heavy rainfall, meadows and fields are flooded; the hay crop is completely spoiled
1854 (December)	Dikes break at many points; severe flooding
1871 (June/July)	The water is several cubits high on the fields; many farmers loose their entire crops
1909 (February)	Disastrous flooding on the Wipper; many homes, barns and stalls are damaged or collapse
1946 (February)	Snowmelt and rain cause the Wipper to overflow; many houses, barns and stalls are surrounded by water
1947 (March)	Significant damages due to ice drift and flooding



Schützenhaus (clubhouse) surrounded by water in February 1909



The Wipper Bridge near Stockhausen
after the flood in February 1909

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