

The National Weather Service has issued Flash Flood Warnings at Camp Mystic on 91 different days in the last 25 years. As of 2009**, there have been 35 days where a Flash Flood Warning was issued at Camp Mystic. As you can see from the graph, most of those warnings amounted to a minimal rise.

**Historical data for NWS alerts goes back as far as 2000. Historical data for the daily max water rise at the flood gage in Hunt, TX is available back as far as 2009.

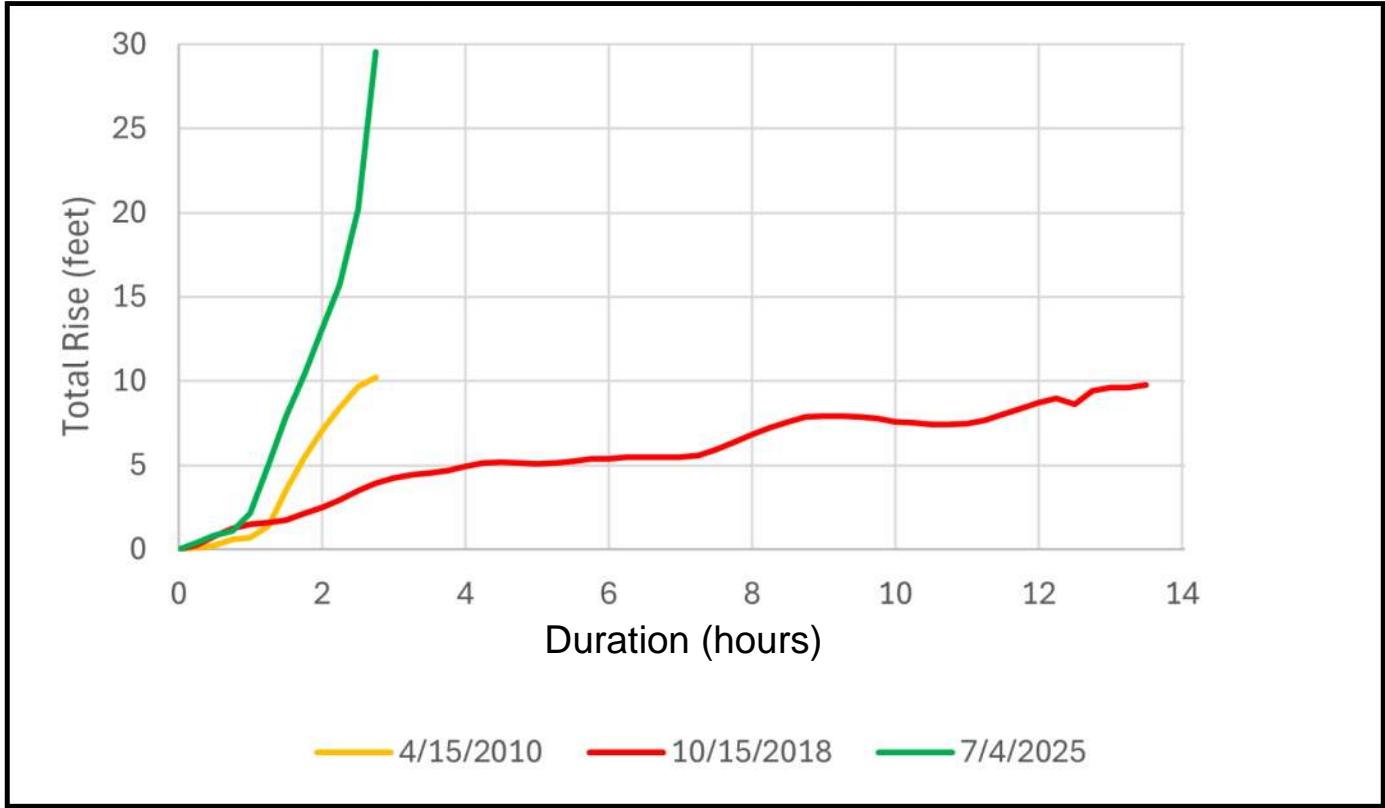
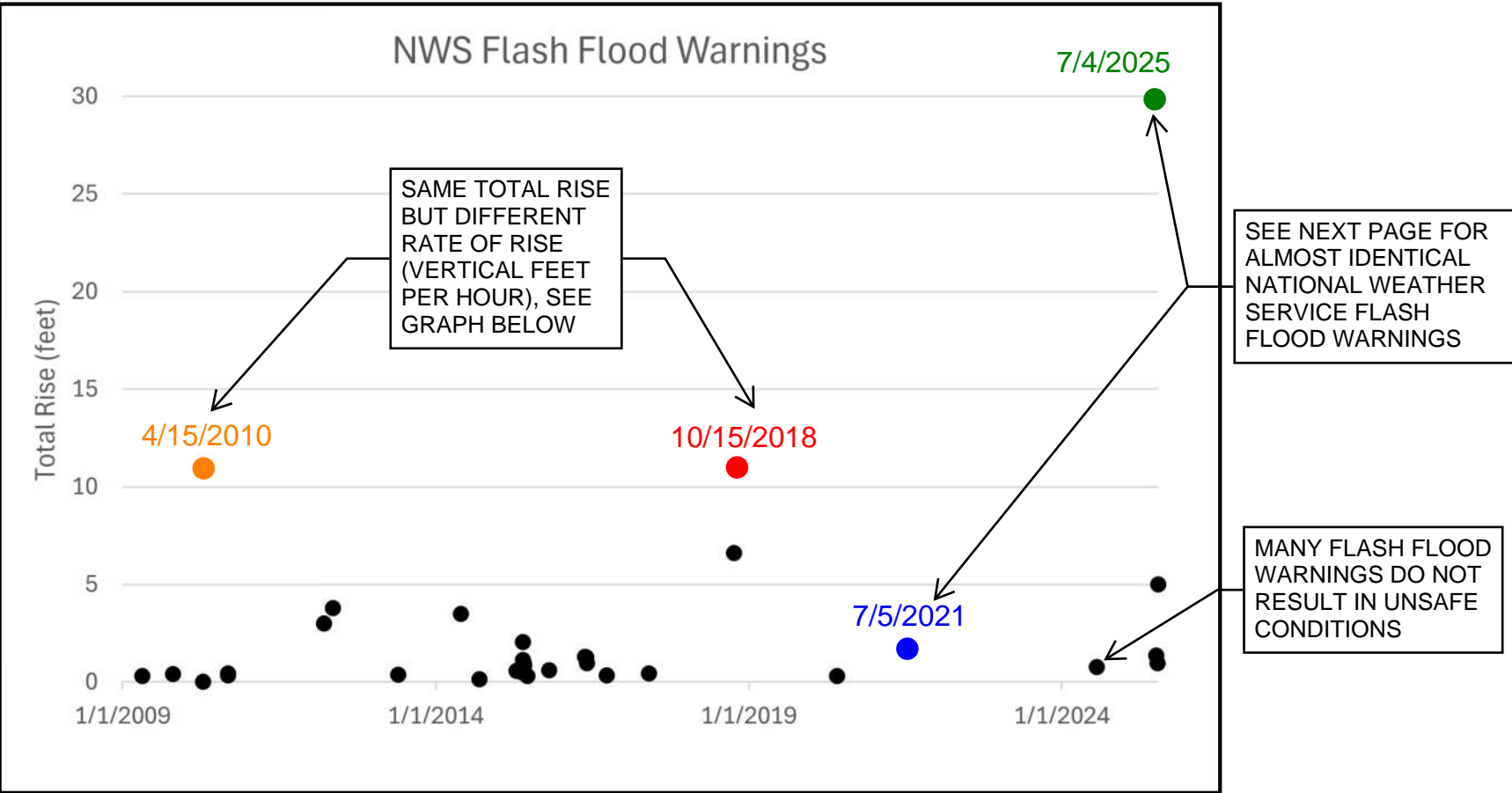
Looking at the flood data for the three dates with the largest rise in that timespan, you can see how each flood progresses differently.

- April 15, 2010: 10ft rise in about 2.75 hours
- October 15, 2018: 10ft rise in about 13.25 hours
- July 4, 2025: 30ft rise in about 2.75 hours

When looking at other Flash Flood Warnings, many are almost identical to the one that was issued at 1:14am on July 4, 2025. For example, an almost identical alert was issued 4 years prior and only resulted in 1.4 feet of rise in Hunt, TX.

Additionally, the weather forecast did not predict anywhere close to a 500-year rain event.

In summary, it is difficult to judge in real time whether a rainstorm poses an actual flood risk. It would not be reasonable to expect an immediate evacuation based on a simple Flash Flood Warning.



July 5, 2021 Flash Flood Warning

Total Rise = 1.4 feet (at Hunt flood gage)

BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED

Flash Flood Warning

National Weather Service Austin/San Antonio TX

516 PM CDT Mon Jul 5 2021

The National Weather Service in Austin/San Antonio has issued a

* Flash Flood Warning for...

Southwestern Gillespie County in south central Texas...

Central Kerr County in south central Texas...

* Until 830 PM CDT.

* At 516 PM CDT, Doppler radar indicated thunderstorms producing heavy rain across the warned area. Between 2 and 3 inches of rain have fallen. Additional rainfall amounts of 1 to 2 inches are possible in the warned area. Flash flooding is ongoing or expected to begin shortly.

HAZARD...Life threatening flash flooding. Thunderstorms producing flash flooding.

SOURCE...Radar.

IMPACT...Life threatening flash flooding of creeks and streams, urban areas, highways, streets and underpasses.

* Some locations that will experience flash flooding include... Kerrville, Ingram, Hunt, Waltonia, Mountain Home, Kerr Wildlife Management Area, Harper and Kerrville-Schreiner Park.

July 4, 2025 Flash Flood Warning

Total Rise = 29.9 feet (at Hunt flood gage)

BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED

Flash Flood Warning

National Weather Service Austin/San Antonio TX

114 AM CDT Fri Jul 4 2025

The National Weather Service in Austin/San Antonio has issued a

* Flash Flood Warning for...

Northwestern Bandera County in south central Texas...

Central Kerr County in south central Texas...

* Until 415 AM CDT.

* At 114 AM CDT, Doppler radar indicated thunderstorms producing heavy rain across the warned area. Between 1 and 2 inches of rain have fallen. The expected rainfall rate is 2 to 3 inches in 1 hour. Additional rainfall amounts of 1 to 3 inches are possible in the warned area. Flash flooding is ongoing or expected to begin shortly.

HAZARD...Life threatening flash flooding. Thunderstorms producing flash flooding.

SOURCE...Radar.

IMPACT...Life threatening flash flooding of creeks and streams, urban areas, highways, streets and underpasses.

* Some locations that will experience flash flooding include... Kerrville, Ingram, Hunt, Waltonia, Kerr Wildlife Management Area and Lost Maples State Natural Area.

3:19 AM (Projected to be a 5-year flood)

TXC265-050230-
/O.NEW.KEWX.FL.W.0012.250704T0819Z-250705T0649Z/
/HNNTT2.2.ER.250704T0759Z.250704T1100Z.250704T1848Z.NO/
319 AM CDT Fri Jul 4 2025

...FLOOD WARNING IN EFFECT FROM EARLY THIS MORNING TO JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT TONIGHT...

* WHAT...Minor flooding is occurring and moderate flooding is forecast.

* WHERE...Guadalupe River at Hunt.

* WHEN...From early this morning to just after midnight tonight.

* IMPACTS...At 18.0 feet, Automobiles parked near the North Fork of the Guadalupe River at Camp Waldemar wash downstream. Roads and low bridges near the North and South Forks flood badly and are dangerous to motorists. The Highway 39 bridge floor near Hunt is under six feet of water. Some residents are cut off and should stay put. Secondary roads and bridges near the river are extremely dangerous to motorists. Near the USGS 1:5 year flood level.

* ADDITIONAL DETAILS...

- At 3:05 AM CDT Friday the stage was 11.0 feet.
- Bankfull stage is 10.0 feet.
- Recent Activity...The maximum river stage in the 24 hours ending at 3:05 AM CDT Friday was 11.0 feet.
- Forecast...The river is expected to rise to a crest of 16.6 feet this morning. It will then fall below flood stage this afternoon.
- Flood stage is 10.0 feet.
- Flood History...This crest compares to a previous crest of 16.6 feet on 05/13/1994.
- http://www.weather.gov/safety/flood

3:33 AM (Projected to be a 10-year flood)

TXC265-050245-
/O.EXT.KEWX.FL.W.0012.000000T0000Z-250705T0530Z/
/HNNTT2.2.ER.250704T0759Z.250704T1100Z.250704T1730Z.NO/
333 AM CDT Fri Jul 4 2025

...FLOOD WARNING NOW IN EFFECT UNTIL JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT TONIGHT...

* WHAT...Moderate flooding is occurring and moderate flooding is forecast.

* WHERE...Guadalupe River at Hunt.

* WHEN...Until just after midnight tonight.

* IMPACTS...At 22.0 feet, Major flooding of low areas of recreation camps along the North and South Forks washes canoes and gear downstream from docks and low areas. Roads near the river, including along Highway 39, are extremely dangerous for auto traffic and travel is highly discouraged. Autos in low areas of Camp Waldemar are swept downstream. Flow is near the USGS 1:10 year flood level.

* ADDITIONAL DETAILS...

- At 3:20 AM CDT Friday the stage was 14.0 feet.
- Bankfull stage is 10.0 feet.
- Recent Activity...The maximum river stage in the 24 hours ending at 3:20 AM CDT Friday was 14.0 feet.
- Forecast...The river is expected to rise to a crest of 20.2 feet this morning. It will then fall below flood stage this afternoon.
- Flood stage is 10.0 feet.
- Flood History...This crest compares to a previous crest of 19.9 feet on 09/26/1986.
- http://www.weather.gov/safety/flood

4:00 AM (Projected to be similar to 1978 flood) (25-year flood)

TXC265-050300-
/O.EXT.KEWX.FL.W.0012.000000T0000Z-250705T0615Z/
/HNNTT2.3.ER.250704T0759Z.250704T1100Z.250704T1815Z.NO/
400 AM CDT Fri Jul 4 2025

...FLOOD WARNING NOW IN EFFECT UNTIL JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT TONIGHT...

* WHAT...Moderate flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast.

* WHERE...Guadalupe River at Hunt.

* WHEN...Until just after midnight tonight.

* IMPACTS...At 25.0 feet, Major flooding severely floods resort camps along the South Fork below the River Inn resort to Hunt. Parts of Highway 39 are flooded and very dangerous as well as numerous secondary roads and bridges. Areas in the flood plain are cut off. Residents cut off by Highay 39 flooding should stay put rather than drive on extremely dangerous roads escaping. Lowest homes downstream near Center Point will flood.

* ADDITIONAL DETAILS...

- At 3:50 AM CDT Friday the stage was 19.4 feet.
- Bankfull stage is 10.0 feet.
- Recent Activity...The maximum river stage in the 24 hours ending at 3:50 AM CDT Friday was 19.4 feet.
- Forecast...The river is expected to rise to a crest of 23.8 feet this morning. It will then fall below flood stage this afternoon.
- Flood stage is 10.0 feet.
- Flood History...This crest compares to a previous crest of 23.5 feet on 08/02/1978.
- http://www.weather.gov/safety/flood

4:45 AM (Projected to exceed 1987 flood) (100-year flood)

TXC265-050345-
/O.EXT.KEWX.FL.W.0012.000000T0000Z-250705T0715Z/
/HNNTT2.3.ER.250704T0759Z.250704T1100Z.250704T1915Z.NO/
445 AM CDT Fri Jul 4 2025

...FLOOD WARNING NOW IN EFFECT UNTIL JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT TONIGHT...

* WHAT...Major flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast.

* WHERE...Guadalupe River at Hunt.

* WHEN...Until just after midnight tonight.

* IMPACTS...At 28.0 feet, Life threatening flooding puts water to the roofs of lowest facilities and dwellings of resort camps along the South Fork above River Inn to Hunt. Roads near the river are deadly to auto travel. Lowest homes will flood in the North Fork as well as outbuildings, tennis courts and swimming pools. Lowest homes near Center Point and below to Comfort flood. Flow exceeds the USGS 1:25 year flood.

* ADDITIONAL DETAILS...

- At 4:35 AM CDT Friday the stage was 29.5 feet.
- Bankfull stage is 10.0 feet.
- Recent Activity...The maximum river stage in the 24 hours ending at 4:35 AM CDT Friday was 29.5 feet.
- Forecast...The river is expected to rise to a crest of 29.9 feet this morning. It will then fall below flood stage this afternoon.
- Flood stage is 10.0 feet.
- Flood History...This crest compares to a previous crest of 28.4 feet on 07/17/1987.
- http://www.weather.gov/safety/flood

5:01 AM (Projected to greatly exceed 1987 flood) (almost 500-year flood)

TXC265-050415-
/O.CON.KEWX.FL.W.0012.000000T0000Z-250705T0715Z/
/HNNTT2.3.ER.250704T0759Z.250704T1100Z.250704T1915Z.NO/
501 AM CDT Fri Jul 4 2025

...FLOOD WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT TONIGHT...

* WHAT...Major flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast.

* WHERE...Guadalupe River at Hunt.

* WHEN...Until just after midnight tonight.

* IMPACTS...At 32.0 feet, Disastrous life threatening flooding puts water over the roads of lowest camps and resorts from the headwaters of the North and South Forks to below Comfort. Much of Highways 27 and 39 will flood as the disastrous flood wave moves downstream over the next several hours. Motorists should avoid any travel in the flood plain. Low residences above Center Point to below Comfort will flood. Many homes and businesses in Kerrville will flood.

* ADDITIONAL DETAILS...

- At 4:35 AM CDT Friday the stage was 29.5 feet.
- Bankfull stage is 10.0 feet.
- Recent Activity...The maximum river stage in the 24 hours ending at 4:35 AM CDT Friday was 29.5 feet.
- Forecast...The river is expected to rise to a crest of 33.9 feet this morning. It will then fall below flood stage this afternoon.
- Flood stage is 10.0 feet.
- Flood History...No available flood history.
- http://www.weather.gov/safety/flood

6:03 AM

TXC265-050515-
/O.EXT.KEWX.FL.W.0012.000000T0000Z-250705T0848Z/
/HNNTT2.3.ER.250704T0759Z.250704T1200Z.250704T2048Z.NO/
603 AM CDT Fri Jul 4 2025

...FLOOD WARNING NOW IN EFFECT UNTIL LATE TONIGHT...

* WHAT...Major flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast.

* WHERE...Guadalupe River at Hunt.

* WHEN...Until late tonight.

* ADDITIONAL DETAILS...

- At 4:35 AM CDT Friday the stage was 29.5 feet.
- Bankfull stage is 10.0 feet.
- Recent Activity...The maximum river stage in the 24 hours ending at 4:35 AM CDT Friday was 29.5 feet.
- Forecast...The river will oscillate above flood stage with a maximum value of 34.1 feet this morning. It will fall below flood stage late this afternoon.
- Flood stage is 10.0 feet.
- Flood History...No available flood history.
- http://www.weather.gov/safety/flood

