

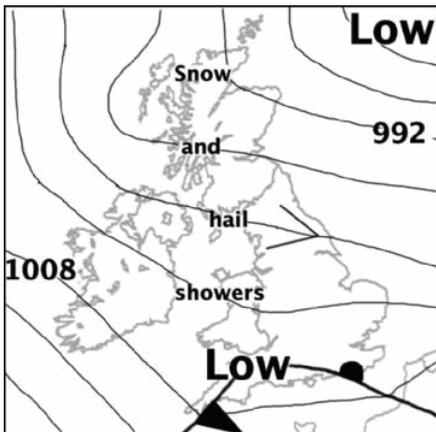
Lake District

Includes the whole of Cumbria, and also the western Pennines North from Ingleborough.



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General Summary for Thursday, 12 January, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 January, 2017

Upland gales ease temporarily, although in Wales a marked lull before winds abruptly strengthen in afternoon. Widespread snow and hail showers will penetrate to valleys, although across Wales, an area of rain affecting mainly the south will turn to snow before easing.

Headline for Lake District

Upland winds near gale morning. Snow and hail.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 12 January, 2017

How windy? (On the summits)	West or northwesterly 35mph although 45mph at dawn. Slight lull probable later afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable buffeting and wind chill throughout the day.
How wet?	Frequent snow and hail. Lightning. Snow and hail showers, sometimes in clusters, giving very frequent precipitation and whiteout over a couple of hours. Snow will penetrate into valleys. Thunder in some areas.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive; quickly changing base Cloud base quickly changing. Fragments of cloud below 400m near precipitation, but otherwise breaks to 750 to 900m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bursts of sunshine. Varied visibility: hazy at best to appalling visibility where in snow and cloud
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3C
Freezing Level	400m

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 13 January	Saturday 14 January
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	North or northwesterly 45-55mph. Will ease a little afternoon and back toward westerly. Difficult walking conditions and severe wind chill on higher areas. Slight easing in the conditions may occur afternoon.	Northwesterly tending to drop from west from 30 to perhaps 40mph Pennines to 25-30mph. Walking arduous on higher areas, although conditions will tend to improve.
How wet?	Snow and hail showers Expect hail and snow showers, albeit for much of day, showers well scattered and may amount to only flurries. However, showers out over the sea may come in frequently into the afternoon, giving whiteout.	Risk snow showers Risk isolated snow showers or flurries in morning. Into afternoon, the showers may become more widespread although turn to rain lower slopes, at least near the coast.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Occasionally covering higher tops Expect cloud base to change quickly, bringing cloud below 500m near showers. Nevertheless, periods when little cloud below 1000m. Conditions may worsen with cloud extensive across the fells afternoon. 80%	Summits often cloud free Overall, cloud rare below 800m and often confined above the summits. However, gradually in the afternoon cloud above 750m, occasionally 500m may spread slowly inland. 60%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine intermittently. The air often very clear, but anticipate appalling visibility in snow and cloud.	Sunshine fairly extensive morning; may then turn cloudy from west. Frequently excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-5C. May rise to 300m coastal slopes, otherwise close to or just below freezing point valleys up: nearly all terrain frozen.	-4C rising toward -2C, or -1C coastal summits. Nearly all terrain frozen from valleys up. During day freezing level rising to 500m, or near the coast 650m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 13 January, 2017**

Widespread snow across the mountains through to the weekend and most terrain will be frozen, except for lower slopes in Wales.

Temperatures will tend to rise from the west over the weekend.

Substantially dry next week; summits may for periods be above freezing point, but latest evidence suggests under high pressure thaw will be slow. Highest risk of rain will be on the NW Highlands.

Forecast issued at 12:40 on Wednesday, 11 January, 2017

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