

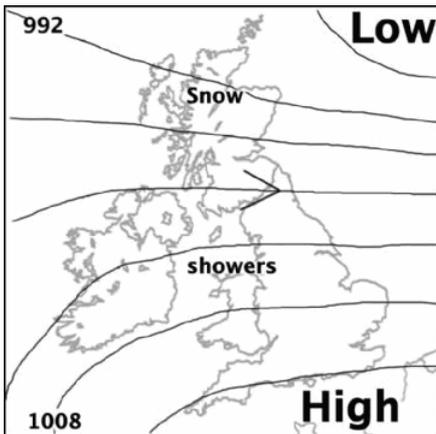
Lake District

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



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General Summary for Tuesday, 21 March, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 March, 2017

Very cold showery westerly winds will by dawn have brought fresh snow to lower slopes or valleys, the precipitation heaviest western mountains. Widespread upland gales although through the day will ease. In Wales, winds less strong, but threat gales and snow by dusk.

Headline for Lake District

Snow and hail showers. Upland gales or near gales will ease.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 21 March, 2017

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly. For a few hours in morning 40 to perhaps 50mph. Will ease from west; by mid-afternoon 35mph, and before dusk 25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking difficult on higher areas and severe wind chill in morning.
How wet?	Snow and hail showers. Small risk lightning. Hail and snow showers, sometimes heavy and in morning frequent. Snow will lie from valleys up, although thaw lowest slopes afternoon. Small risk thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Summits often cloud free; will form higher areas near precipitation Cloud base changing quickly: Patches below 500m near showers, but often cloud confined to or above highest summits, particularly afternoon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% rising to 70%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bursts of sun morning; increasingly sunny for a few hours afternoon. Visibility frequently very good or in afternoon excellent, but suddenly very poor in cloud and snow.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3C but will rise slowly through day. Will feel as cold as minus 18 Celsius directly in the wind in morning.
Freezing Level	Typically 450m rising toward 550m afternoon, although will vary between showers.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 22 March	Thursday 23 March
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Low confidence of detail: Northeasterly or variable, ranging between 10-20 and perhaps 30-40mph. May be small, but risk of considerable buffeting and wind chill.	Low confidence in forecast: Northeasterly; dropping from 40 to perhaps 50mph after dawn to 25-35mph by sunset. Widespread considerable buffeting on higher areas in morning, but conditions will improve.
How wet?	Snow on and off An area of snow overnight may drift away northwards, initially leaving dry conditions. But snow and hail showers may then develop in afternoon, although rain lower slopes. Isolated thunder.	Snow; most persistent Pennines Areas of snow, mainly Pennines, where may rarely cease at least in morning. Slowly the snow will tend to ease, although on southwestern Lakeland fells, there may be little all day. Rain lower slopes after dawn, and will turn to rain up to 600m by dusk.
Cloud on the hills?	Breaks to some high tops Varied: extensive cloud across the fells overnight will tend to lift from the south, and may for a few hours clear to or above higher tops. But as showers develop, so cloud will reform, in places below 400m.	Covering most summits all day Cloud likely to shroud the hills extensively from dawn, although through day the base will tend to rise. Highest base will be across south Lakes, particularly southwestern fells, where chance of the cloud clearing above 750m afternoon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	30%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Occasional sunshine. The air often very clear away from showers, but visibility appalling in snow & cloud.	Sunshine rare if any. Fog widespread higher areas: appalling visibility where in cloud and snow.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-1 or 0C 700m.	-1C morning; will rise slowly through day. 650m, rising to 850m or above by mid-afternoon.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 22 March, 2017**

Cold conditions with snow on many mountains mid-week. A major change to dry and by the weekend much warmer weather will occur as a large area of high pressure then builds across Scotlan. Temporarily around Friday there may be a little rain on the northern NW Highlands. Overall though, dry for several days on all mountain areas. Temperatures will become very warm for March, particularly across the Scottish Highlands, although with frequently cloudless skies, night frost will occur in valleys.

Forecast issued at 13:28 on Monday, 20 March, 2017

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