

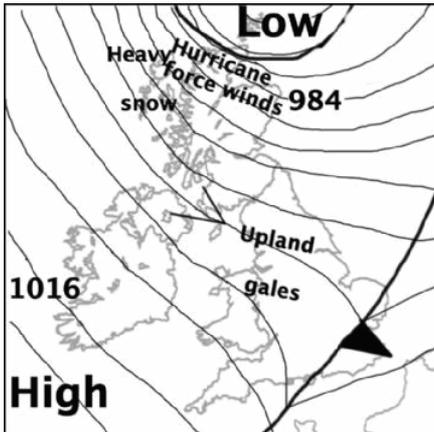
# Lake District

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



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## General Summary for Thursday, 7 December, 2017



**British Mountain Summary:  
Based on forecast chart for noon 7 December, 2017**

Exceptionally severe Scottish Highlands: storm or hurricane force upland winds (strongest N/E), considerable snow (centred western hills) giving sustained whiteout. Upland gales elsewhere and progressively dropping temperature will result in showers being increasingly of snow.

**Headline for Lake District**

Upland or severe upland gales. Snow showers increasingly frequent.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 7 December, 2017

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Westerly 45 to occasionally 55mph. Sudden gusts lower slopes near precipitation.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking widely difficult or very difficult with significant buffeting. Some ferocious gusts reaching lower slopes. Severe wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Snow showers, mainly afternoon. Risk isolated lightning.</b> Overnight rain will have cleared by dawn. Hail and snow showers will follow, these increasingly frequent through afternoon. Rain increasingly confined to lowest slopes as temperatures drop. Small risk thunder afternoon.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Intermittently covering higher areas.</b> Cloud bases oscillating markedly in and out of showers. Areas of cloud forming to lower slopes near and during precipitation, but lifting above tops (albeit sometimes fleetingly) between showers.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Bursts of sunshine, most widely morning.  Visibility excellent between the showers; mainly lower slopes.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	Dropping progressively through day; down to -1C by dusk. Will feel as cold as minus 17 Celsius directly in the wind before dusk.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Initially above tops, but dropping markedly through daylight; after nightfall most terrain will become frozen from lower slopes up.

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 8 December	Saturday 9 December
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Northwesterly 40-45mph.	Northwesterly 20 to 30mph. Marginal decrease in speed during daylight.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking widely difficult with significant buffeting across higher areas and severe wind chill.</b>	<b>Walking arduous on many higher areas, particularly near showers. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Occasional snow and hail showers in west</b> Occasional snow showers or flurries through the day; most likely across western and southern fells. Very few, if any, snow showers eastern fells into North Pennines.	<b>Snow showers</b> Snow showers or flurries, but risk, particularly southwestern fells of the snow frequent - resulting in periods of whiteout.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Occasionally shrouding higher areas</b> Many fell will be well-sheltered through the day with well-broken cloud and largely above tops. However, cloud will occasionally shroud higher areas in fog; mainly in the west where patches to lower slopes where snow showers occur.	<b>Intermittently shrouding higher tops</b> Continually changing cloud base: near showers, shafts of cloud from a few hundred metres up, perhaps extensively for an hour or two. Between showers breaks, probably frequent, to higher summits.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Bursts of bright sunshine between the snow showers.  Air very clear with excellent visibilities, but suddenly becoming very poor in snow	Bright sunshine, most frequently eastern fells. The air very clear - but sudden appalling visibility in snow and cloud.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	-5C	-5C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Almost all terrain frozen from valleys or just above valleys up.	Almost all terrain frozen. Only slight thawing lowest sunlit slopes and northwest facing coastal slopes.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 8 December, 2017**

Cold throughout the next 10 days, although across mainly Wales, incursions of warmer air will bring freeze thaw cycles to higher areas. Elsewhere, upland areas substantially frozen. Centres of low pressure will track southeast across Britain bringing bouts of sustained snowfall (although not areas will get these). Between areas of fine clear air with light winds, but locally windy with clusters of snow showers near some coasts.

**Forecast issued at 7:14 on Thursday, 7 December, 2017**

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