

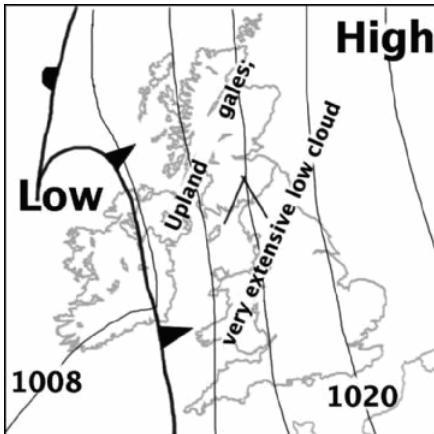
Lake District

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General Summary for Saturday, 13 January, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 January, 2018

Widespread strong gusty winds, reaching gale force western and northern upland areas. Very extensive fog on the summits, although this breaking up north of some higher tops. Rain, or inland partly refrozen rain, will extend slowly inland from west, but timing uncertain.

Headline for Lake District

Upland winds near gale. Higher fells almost all shrouded in fog.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 13 January, 2018

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly, 30 to locally 40mph, local strong gusts lower slopes, notably windy some passes and cols.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous on higher areas, and in some areas, not necessarily higher fells, sudden considerable buffeting. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Little or no precipitation Substantially dry. However, patchy fine drizzle or snow grains in and below cloud, mainly southern Lakeland fells.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive; lowest base southern fells South Lakes: Shrouding most fells above 400 to 550m. North Lakes: Patches of cloud on the fells above 600 to 800m, but some higher areas cloud free.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Less than 10% south Lakes to 50% north Lakes
Sunshine and air clarity?	Little or no sun. Good visibility, although a haze below cloud.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or -1C. Will feel as cold as minus 14 Celsius directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	700m.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 14 January	Monday 15 January
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	South to southwesterly, strengthening from 15 to 25 or possibly 35mph. (Upland gales following overnight.) Fairly small during daylight.	At and pre-dawn southwesterly 55mph; then after a slight lull, westerly 35mph. Particularly gusty near showers afternoon. Walking arduous on higher areas, and in afternoon, increasingly sudden buffeting in gusty winds. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Occasional rain Drizzly rain, or sleet/snow above 750m, mainly south Lakes. Total rainfall small.	Snow and hail showers increasingly Overnight rain, finishing as snow on higher fells, will clear by or soon after dawn. Hail & snow showers will follow, increasingly frequent afternoon, when of snow above 300m, resulting in appalling visibility.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Extensive, lowest south Lakes South Lakes: Blanket fog across the hills, widely from lower slopes up, possibly confined above 500m Pennine fells. North Lakes, including N Pennines: patches of cloud on higher areas, mostly above 600 to 800m. But some summits may be free of cloud. 30%	Frequently shrouding higher areas Quickly varying cloud base: shafts of cloud below 450m near precipitation, more often the fog above about 800m, but occasionally clearing higher tops. 40%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Patches of sun north Lakes. Very hazy or murky.	Bursts of sunshine. Away from precipitation, the air clear - but frequently visibility very poor due to snow.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	2C Close to freezing on highest summits. Terrain frozen some lower slopes after a frost.	1C dropping erratically to -2C during daylight. Pre-dawn above summits. After dawn, soon 750m and by dusk 650m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 14 January, 2018**

Almost constant strong cold westerly winds, frequently gale force on the mountains next week, will bring copious snowfall to western mountains, concentrated on the W & NW Highlands. The snow and often hail, will be showery in character, and accumulations will drop progressively eastwards. Temperatures only marginally above freezing point lower slopes Scotland, and frequently below freezing above about 600m England and Wales.

Winds may well veer northerly late in the week, maintaining low freezing levels.

Forecast issued at 7:24 on Saturday, 13 January, 2018

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