

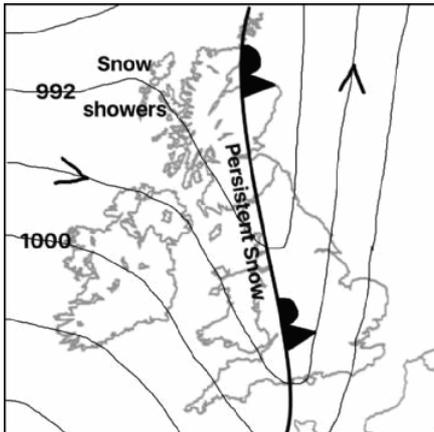
# Lake District

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



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## General Summary for Tuesday, 13 February, 2018



### British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 13 February, 2018

An active slow-moving occlusion will edge east and bring persistent snow to all areas. Upland gales ahead of, and directly behind, the front with severe wind chill; but easing later from west. The snow will tend to clear eastern mountains during the afternoon. Clearer conditions will follow from the west; but with a few snow showers in the northwest.

### Headline for Lake District

Persistent snow and severe wind chill from dawn, clearing by afternoon.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 13 February, 2018

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southerly veering northwesterly morning 35-45mph; but probably 55mph temporarily morning higher tops. Becoming westerly and gradually dropping to 30mph, later 25mph through the afternoon.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking arduous or locally difficult across the hills in morning with severe wind chill. Conditions easing from the west during afternoon, but wind chill remaining significant.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Heavy snow clearing to east into afternoon.</b> Persistent snow through the morning, resulting (together with previous snow blowing about) in appalling visibility or whiteout. Snow will lie, except some valleys. Clearer, brighter conditions will spread in from the west into the afternoon.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive in snow; improving in afternoon.</b> Cloud will be very extensive in the morning snow, often from lower slopes upwards. During the afternoon, cloud will break up and lift as the snow clears to the east; leaving a legacy of patches of cloud at varying heights with some areas clearing.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>&lt;10% morning; lifting from west in afternoon to 50%.</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	A little sunshine breaking through during afternoon. Widely appalling visibility in the snow and cloud in morning with near constant whiteout. Becoming very good from west in afternoon.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	-3C, but will feel closer to -20C in direct exposure to the wind in the morning.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	400m.

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 14 February	Thursday 15 February
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southerly 50 to 65mph. Into afternoon, veering southwesterly and easing 30 to 40mph. <b>Very difficult walking conditions across the hills, in some areas any mobility difficult. Severe wind chill.</b>	Westerly 25-35mph; strongest in the morning. <b>Will impede walking at times across higher areas, especially in morning. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Snow, turning to rain.</b> Heavy snow morning, although will turn to rain lower slopes. Will then change to rain up to higher summits and turn drizzly. After dark, precipitation changing back to snow on the fells.	<b>Scattered snow and hail showers</b> A scattering of snow and hail showers will run in from the Irish Sea. These may become frequent across western fells for a few hours. Rain/sleet confined to lowest slopes.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Extensive, widely very low base</b>  Extensive with patches to below 300m south Lakes. Elsewhere (including Pennine fells, fog extensive above 500 to 700m.  <b>Less than 10% west; 20% Pennines.</b>	<b>Confined to higher areas</b>  Cloud generally confined to higher areas above 700-800m with transient shafts of cloud forming down to lower slopes in snow. However, now and gain there will be clearances to the tops between the showers; most widely across the North Pennines. <b>40%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Sunshine unlikely. Extensively misty at best; widely appalling visibility higher slopes.	Bursts of sun between the showers; most widely across eastern hills.  Visibility generally very good, but becoming very poor in cloud and snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-2C rising slowly from west to 2C.  300m rising from west slowly to reach higher summits afternoon. Much terrain remaining frozen and icy.	-2C  400-500m

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 14 February, 2018**

Low freezing level and mainly on western mountains, further snowfall throughout this week. However, one or two pulses of warmer air will bring brief periods of thaw to higher areas of England and particularly Wales. Into the weekend and beyond; becoming substantially dry as high pressure builds over, or near by, the British Isles.

**Forecast issued at 22:14 on Monday, 12 February, 2018**

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