

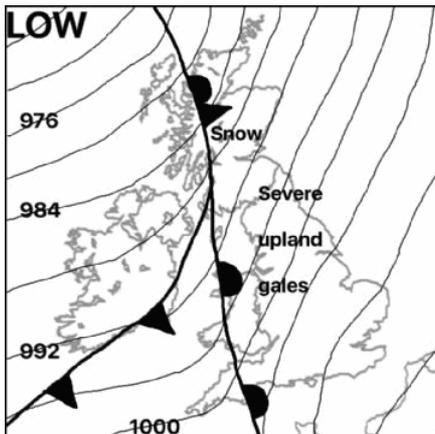
Lake District

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General Summary for Wednesday, 14 February, 2018



**British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 14 February, 2018**

A very windy day across all mountains with severe upland southerly gales, storm force over the Munros, giving severe wind chill. A frontal system will spread east across the country bringing snow to all areas; although will turn to rain at all levels in England and Wales. Sustained whiteout likely across the southern and western Highlands.

Headline for Lake District

Severe upland gales and wind chill. Snow pushing in from west; turning to rain.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 14 February, 2018

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 50 to 70mph. Later in afternoon, veering southwesterly and easing 30 to 40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Very difficult walking conditions across the hills, in some areas any mobility difficult. Severe wind chill.
How wet?	Snow arriving, soon turning to rain. After a dry start, snow will spread in later in the morning, although will soon turn to rain lower slopes. By afternoon, will change to rain up to higher summits and turn drizzly.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, widely very low base Extensive with patches to below 300m south Lakes. Elsewhere (including Pennine fells, fog extensive above 500 to 700m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Less than 10% west; 20% Pennines.
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine unlikely. Extensively misty at best; widely appalling visibility higher slopes.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-2C rising slowly from west to 2C. Wind chill making it feel like -18C.
Freezing Level	300m rising from west slowly to reach higher summits afternoon. Much terrain remaining frozen and icy.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 15 February	Friday 16 February
How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 25-35mph; strongest in the morning.	Southwesterly in the range 25-35mph; but may over several hours reach 40 to locally 45mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Will impede walking at times across higher areas, especially in morning. Significant wind chill.	Walking will be arduous across higher areas through the day with significant wind chill.
How wet?	Scattered snow and hail showers 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.	Isolated snow showers A few snow showers; these mostly across western and northern fells where there is a small chance of precipitation becoming more frequent for a few hours. Rain below 400m.
Cloud on the hills?	Confined to higher areas 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.	Fairly extensive over higher areas Cloud generally confined across the fells above 700-800m through the day; bases most persistent over western fells whilst many eastern fells see the best of the clearances. In snow, a few transient shafts of cloud may form down to 500m in the west.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%	30%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bursts of sun between the showers; most widely across eastern hills. Visibility generally very good, but becoming very poor in cloud and snow.	Glimpses of sunshine, mainly well inland; although high level cloud will make it fairly weak. Visibility generally very good.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-2C	Around -1C
Freezing Level	400-500m	Around 700m

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 15 February, 2018**

Cold westerly winds will bring further snow showers to the mountains on Thursday; these heaviest and most frequent across western Scotland. Remaining cold into Friday with further snow showers in the northwest, but drier across England and Wales. Into the weekend; becoming substantially dry as high pressure builds over, or near by, the British Isles. However, fronts are likely to bring some rain, initially snow higher areas, across the west and northwest Highlands during the weekend.

Forecast issued at 18:37 on Tuesday, 13 February, 2018

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