

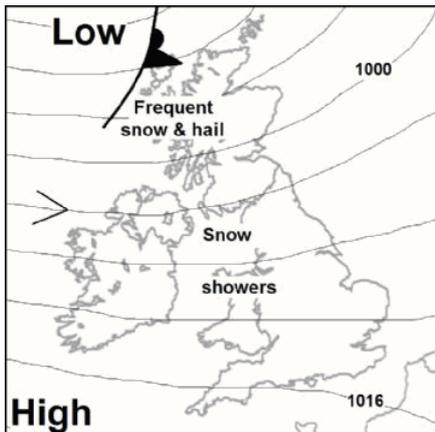
Lake District

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



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General Summary for Thursday, 15 February, 2018



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 15 February, 2018

A cold westerly pattern returns, with snow and hail showers, most frequent across western Scotland, where precipitation at times constant. Windy for all; gale or near-gale force on higher areas throughout the day. Icy underfoot in some areas where Wednesday's snowmelt has refrozen.

Headline for Lake District

Snow and hail showers. Upland winds up to gale force.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 15 February, 2018

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly, 30 to 45mph, likely strongest by middle of day into afternoon, when locally over 50mph higher tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Will impede walking across higher areas, with considerable buffeting at times. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Snow and hail showers, locally frequent 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.
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 again there will be clearances to the tops between the showers; most widely across the North Pennines.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50% west; 80% east Lakes & Pennines.
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.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-2C Where exposed to wind, feeling close to -15C.
Freezing Level	400 to 500m. Lower slopes wet underfoot following rain, but following a slight thaw, higher areas likely icy after refreezing.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 16 February	Saturday 17 February
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 20 to 30mph; possibly reaching 40mph for a few hours.	Southwesterly, around 20 to perhaps 30mph for a few hours.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking impeded across higher areas, perhaps arduous for a time, with significant wind chill.	Mostly small, but may impede walking on higher tops at times.
How wet?	Small amounts snow/rain Brief snow showers or flurries, likely confined to west and southern fells. Rain below 400m.	Patchy snow A little snow, mostly light and focused on western fells. Rain below 500m.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive over higher areas Generally confined above 700-800m through the day; most persistent over western fells whilst many eastern areas will often clear. Locally lowering around precipitation.	May persist higher areas Often covering fells above 600 to 800m, lowest west & southern Lakes, also Pennines east of Kendal. Breaks forming to some tops, most frequent NE Lakes & N Pennines.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	30%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Glimpses of sunshine, mainly well inland; although high level cloud will make it fairly weak. Visibility generally very good.	Glimpses of sun; breaking through mostly eastern areas. Visibility generally good, perhaps a slight haze.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1C	Around 0C
Freezing Level	600 or 700m, rising through day. Slight frost some valleys and lower slopes in morning.	700 to 800m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 16 February, 2018**

A southwesterly pattern will continue through to the weekend. Precipitation frequent on western mountains, particularly in Scotland. Generally cold, with further accumulations of snow. Rain on lower slopes, and by Sunday, rain may fall to higher levels as temperatures lift from the west. Then into next week, a change as high pressure builds across the country. Becoming substantially dry with light winds for several days. The air temperature lifting above freezing, and an inversion may form on the mountains. However, there will be little snow loss on higher areas, with slight thawing by day and refreezing overnight helping to consolidate the snow-pack. Most lower slopes will thaw, but overnight frost will occur in many valleys.

Forecast issued at 14:54 on Wednesday, 14 February, 2018

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