

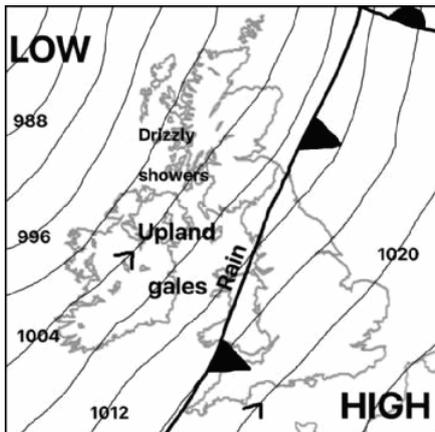
Lake District

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



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General Summary for Tuesday, 17 April, 2018



**British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 17 April, 2018**

A windy day across all areas with widespread upland southerly gales. A cold front, and its associated rain, will edge southeastwards; becoming slow-moving across England and Wales into the afternoon. Drizzly showers will follow across Scotland; these mainly in the west and southwest where hill fog will remain fairly extensive.

Headline for Lake District

Widespread upland gales and hill fog. Rain for much of the day.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 17 April, 2018

How windy? (On the summits)	South or southwesterly in the range 45 to 55mph; strongest in morning when perhaps 65mph higher tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking widely difficult, or for a time very difficult, where exposed on higher areas. Locally strong gusts reaching lower slopes. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Rain most or perhaps all day Rain, perhaps persistent most of the day, particularly south Lakes and Pennines south of Kirkby Stephen. The rain often light and patchy north and northeast fells and northern Pennines.
Cloud on the hills?	Almost blanket fog Fog extensive; widely from lower slopes up. Breaks above 500 to perhaps 700m north and northeast fells and northern Pennines.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine unlikely. Hazy at best; visibility often very poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	6C
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 18 April	Thursday 19 April
How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly, 20 to 25mph, perhaps strongest at first.	Southwest in the range 10-20mph, but perhaps 30mph higher areas at first.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but possible buffeting on some tops.	May impede walking across higher areas at first. Otherwise, mostly small.
How wet?	Rain not expected	No precipitation expected
Cloud on the hills?	Low cloud may all clear Low confidence of detail: Threat of fog from lower slopes in morning, and may be stubborn southern Lakes. However, this may well all break up and clear across the region.	Foggy coastal slopes; clearing elsewhere Areas of very low cloud, down to almost the valley floors, will affect coastal hills at times through the day. Elsewhere, some patches of low cloud and valley fog from dawn will break up to leave most hill clear of cloud by the afternoon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	30% near coast, 60% elsewhere.
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine mostly N Lakes and Pennines, but may come through increasingly elsewhere. Murky for a time, but visibility generally improving.	Sunshine increasingly breaking through. Visibility generally good or very good, but perhaps very poor coastal hills.
How Cold? (at 750m)	6 to 9C, lowest where in cloud.	9 or 10C
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Well above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 18 April, 2018**

Southerly winds throughout the week, initially gale force on many mountains. A front moves in from the Atlantic to bring a period of rain on Tuesday, but this will fade. A legacy of low cloud may plague coastal hills in the west, otherwise an increasingly warm and sunny picture will develop by midweek. Although foggy at times across western coastal areas. High pressure should remain broadly in charge into the weekend, although some heavy showers may arrive by Sunday. Considerable snowmelt Scottish Highlands (albeit snow cover still extensive in many areas next weekend).

Forecast issued at 13:54 on Monday, 16 April, 2018

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