

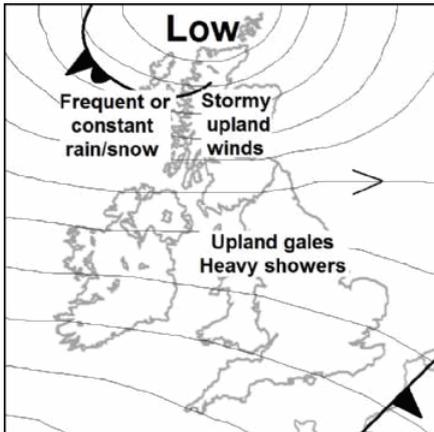
# Lake District

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



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## General Summary for Friday, 7 December, 2018



**British Mountain Summary:  
Based on forecast chart for noon 7 December, 2018**

A stormy day across the Scottish mountains, and severe upland gales on higher terrain of England & Wales. Sustained periods of heavy snow and whiteout across the W/NW Highlands. Elsewhere sudden heavy showers, of snow, hail or rain lower slopes. Chance of thunder.

**Headline for Lake District**

Upland severe gales. Showery bursts; hail, snow tops.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 7 December, 2018

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Westerly, 50 to 60mph most or all of daylight, tending to strengthen; gusts at times over 75mph higher tops.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking very difficult on the hills. Severe wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Frequent snow and hail; isolated lightning</b> Overnight rain soon clearing away eastwards from the Pennines. Then snow and hail showers, sometimes frequent. Mostly rain below 500m. Risk thunder.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Frequently shrouding higher fells</b> Often covering the hills, cloud base varying quickly between showers. Patches below 400 or 500m near precipitation but particularly on eastern and Pennine fells intermittently clearing between showers.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Brief glimpses of sun. Very hazy, visibility very poor in snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	1C (a little higher post dawn). Where exposed to the wind, will feel close to -15C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Soon 850m.

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	<b>Saturday 8 December</b>	<b>Sunday 9 December</b>
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Westerly 30 to 45mph - lowest speeds broadly centred middle of day; risk 50-60mph post-dawn.  <b>Walking frequently arduous on higher areas. Significant wind chill.</b>	Northwesterly, 25 to 30 perhaps 35mph. Risk briefly stronger post-dawn.  <b>Walking impeded and significant wind chill where exposed on higher areas.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain, mainly afternoon</b> Risk of local bands of showers morning, otherwise largely or completely dry until into afternoon when rain will develop then set in from west; sleet only highest tops.	<b>Largely dry</b> A chance of remnants of rain, or snow on higher tops after dawn, but clearing southwards. Isolated brief snow or hail showers may affect western fells. Otherwise dry.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Never clearing most summits</b>  There may be breaks to higher fells middle of day and into the afternoon. But overall, fog persistent higher fells, sometimes the cloud below 550m, particularly west and south Lakes, where in rain patches will form below 300m.  <b>20%</b>	<b>Breaks to higher tops</b>  Risk of early cloud shrouding the fells for a few hours, but should break up to leave just patches occasionally capping higher summits.  <b>60%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare glimpses of sun lower slopes morning. Constant haze.	Occasional sunshine breaking through. Visibility mostly very good.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	3C  Above the summits.	1 or 2C.  900m or above, likely to lower toward 750m.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 8 December, 2018**

Becoming progressively colder and drier through the weekend as winds turn northwesterly. A few areas of snow and hail showers by Sunday, focused toward the north and west, but many areas will see sunshine.

Next week, staying below freezing on the mountains for a number of days, with hard frost in valleys early in week.

Confidence becomes low by midweek, but there is an increasing risk of unsettled conditions coming back in from the Atlantic, with gales and perhaps widespread snow on the mountains.

**Forecast issued at 15:17 on Thursday, 6 December, 2018**

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