

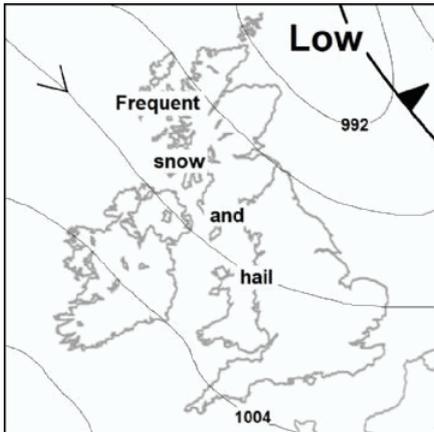
Lake District

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



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General Summary for Tuesday, 22 January, 2019



**British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 22 January, 2019**

A cold day for all regions. Heavy showers, with snow, hail and isolated thunder, focused on western areas, at times merging into frequent precipitation and whiteout. Terrain widely frozen. Snow will lie into the valleys. Fewer showers and more sunshine toward the east.

Headline for Lake District

Cold. Snow and hail showers, at times frequent.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 22 January, 2019

How windy? (On the summits)	West or northwesterly 15 to 25mph, speeds varied, typically strongest Pennines post-dawn, and on western fells in afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Often fairly small, but gusty around showers, at times significant wind chill where exposed.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Hail/snow; risk lightning Snow and hail sometimes frequent, mostly as showers, but risk precipitation rarely ceasing over an hour or two, giving whiteout. Isolated thunder. Snow will lie into valleys, except near coast close to sea level.
Cloud on the hills?	Often covering higher areas Cloud base continually changing; often shrouding areas above 800m, and abruptly below 500m near precipitation - although may improve to clear higher tops intermittently, particularly eastern fells and Pennines.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% west; 50% east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, mainly east Cumbria. Increasingly excellent visibility, but appalling in snow.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3C. Where exposed to wind at times feeling close to -13C.
Freezing Level	350m, but dropping into valleys during showers.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 23 January	Thursday 24 January
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Northwesterly 15mph. Small.	Precise detail uncertain in this forecast: Variable or northwesterly, 10 to 20mph, perhaps often low speeds. Fairly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Isolated snow showers Occasional snow showers, although overall substantially dry.	Precipitation unlikely Most likely dry all of daylight.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Fells often free of cloud Typically cloud base 850m or above, with summits in south Lakes and Pennines rarely covered. Nevertheless, for perhaps an hour or so near showers, cloud may envelop areas above 500m. 60%	Likely very little Fragments of cloud drifting around some tops and corries, although many summits may be often clear. 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine western hills; patchwork of sun elsewhere. The air extremely clear, although abruptly very poor visibility in snow.	Sunshine may weaken as high cloud develops from west. Excellent or superb visibility. Possible local freezing fog patches some valleys.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-3C Almost all terrain frozen from valleys up. Partial thawing lowest coastal areas and elsewhere on some lower sunlit slopes.	-2C. 300-400m, but may lift gradually from west. Much terrain frozen following hard frost, especially inland.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 23 January, 2019**

Cold conditions are expected to prevail across the mountains over the next week or fortnight - perhaps longer. Mountain temperatures will frequently be sub-freezing, often to lower slopes in Scotland, although approaching the weekend, there will be cycles of freeze and thaw Scottish Highlands, whilst elsewhere, summit temperatures will lift above freezing point over a 24-48 hour period around Friday. Wind speeds very varied day-to-day, at times up to gale force with severe chill factor. Precipitation wise, there will be further snow, albeit some melting periods later this week. Next week, although detail is uncertain, there may well be extensive fresh snowfall, substantial in some areas.

Forecast issued at 14:04 on Monday, 21 January, 2019

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