

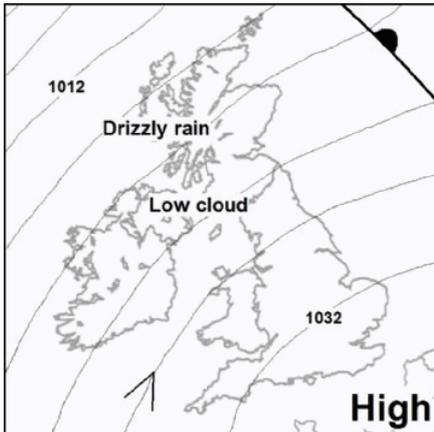
Lake District

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General Summary for Wednesday, 13 February, 2019



**British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 13 February, 2019**

Mild south to southwesterlies bring patchy rain or drizzle, and extensive low cloud, focused on western hills. Small amounts of drizzle England and Wales, plus the north/east of Scotland. Gale force winds across many hills, very gusty in places through passes and cols.

Headline for Lake District

Windy, gale force in places. Spots of rain. Low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 13 February, 2019

How windy? (On the summits)	South to southwesterly, 35 to 45mph, locally 50mph; strongest near/north of major ridges and summits.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable buffeting, in places through passes and cols and locally gusty to lower slopes. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy drizzle Small amounts of drizzly rain, mostly southwestern Lakeland fells. Very little reaching N Lakes and N Pennines.
Cloud on the hills?	Very low cloud, some breaks Banks of cloud, at times to lower slopes near the Irish Sea. Some tops may emerge above or between cloud layers. Breaks to high tops most frequent toward N Lakes & N Pennines.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% south/west Lakes, rising to 60% elsewhere.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare glimpses of sun, mostly toward N/E Lakes, where visibility mostly good. A general haze across most fells, visibility reduced further in drizzle.
How Cold? (at 750m)	3 to 5C; small change of temperature with increasing height on the fells. Where directly exposed to wind, feeling like -8C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 14 February	Friday 15 February
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly, 25 to 40mph; strongest winds not necessarily higher slopes. Buffeting particularly through passes and cols, and sudden turbulent gusts locally to lower slopes north of major ridges.	Timing uncertain in this forecast: South to southwesterly, 35-50mph risk strengthening to 60mph for several hours. Frequent buffeting, and very gusty in places. Threat of arduous conditions on the hills for at least part of the day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Dry overall	Chance of rain developing Most likely staying substantially dry for many hours, perhaps much of the day. Gradually, a risk of patchy rain pushing in from west (timing uncertain).
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Mostly very little Fragments of cloud drifting around some slopes in morning. Likely all breaking up. 80%	Increasing risk lowering onto fells Many tops may start cloud free, perhaps staying clear much of day Pennines and NE Lakes. Increasing risk of patches forming across south & west Lakeland fells, and if rain arrives, becoming extensive above 600-700m. 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny. Visibility good, but a general slight haze.	Early sun weakening, giving way to cloudier skies from the west. Visibility starting good, but slight haze, and reducing if rain develops.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	In range 6 to 10C; warmest N Lakes & N Pennines. Above the summits.	5 to 7C or locally above, may lower a degree or so from west through day. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 14 February, 2019**

South to southwesterly winds persist into the weekend; often windy, gales at times, particularly Scottish Highlands. Low cloud will often plague western hills, with patchy rain or drizzle as weak fronts come in from the Atlantic from time to time. Generally small amounts of precipitation; often dry away from west coasts. Apart from a brief drop of temperature during Friday in Scotland, the mountains will be above freezing for several days ahead. A period of thaw across all areas, leaving mostly very little snow cover into next week.

Forecast issued at 14:39 on Tuesday, 12 February, 2019

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