

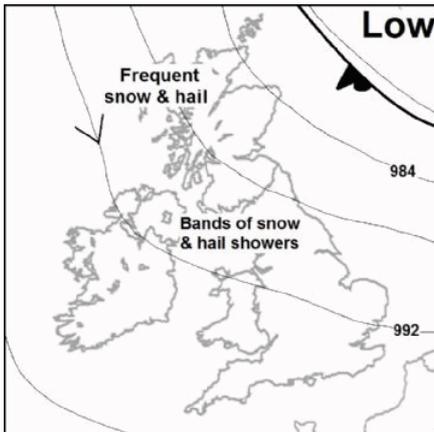
Lake District

The entire Lake District National Park, taking in all major summits, including Scafell, Helvellyn, Skiddaw, the Langdales and Old Man of Coniston. Also includes the Howgill Fells east of Kendal (the NW extension of Yorks Dales).



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General Summary for Friday, 22 January, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 22 January, 2021

Very cold across the mountains - terrain widely frozen, very icy in places, plus lying snow in most areas. Brisk west to northwest winds will maintain a severe chill factor in exposure. Areas of snow or hail showers moving inland from western coasts.

Headline for Lake District

Cold, strongest winds morning. Snow, hail, chance thunder.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 22 January, 2021

How windy? (On the summits)	West or northwesterly 35 to 40mph from dawn for a few hours, easing through morning to 20-25mph, occasionally less.
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous conditions early in day with severe wind chill. Conditions improving, but prepare for significant chill factor.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Local heavy snow and hail showers Snow and hail showers, sometimes heavy and locally clustering together to give frequent snow and whiteout over a few hours. Risk isolated thunder. Some east and perhaps northern fells escaping more often dry all day.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied, often covering tops Cloud base changing quickly in and out of precipitation. Often extensive above 800m, and shafts of cloud sometimes below 500m. Breaks to higher tops best toward eastern Lakes.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief glimpses of sun and clear air, but near-zero visibility during snow.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3C. Where exposed to wind on higher terrain, feeling as cold as -15C early morning.
Freezing Level	400m, but also frost in some valleys in the morning. Very icy underfoot.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 23 January	Sunday 24 January
How windy? (On the summits)	West to northwesterly 20 to 30mph.	Direction likely to vary, occasional lulls, but risk squally 30-40mph at times.
Effect of wind on you?	Frequent buffeting on higher terrain. Severe wind chill.	May be often small, but beware of changing conditions and significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow or hail showers Snow and hail showers continue to come in from the west, sometimes frequent and heavy. Small risk isolated thunder. Fewer showers toward the eastern Lakes.	Risk periods of snow and hail Detail uncertain: Areas of snow or hail showers coming in from the west. May merge into a zone of constant snow for a few hours. Also periods where dry for several hours locally. Isolated thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Often covering higher tops Cloud base varied, but often capping higher fells above 800-900m. Sometimes forming below 700m, mainly around showers in the west.	Extensive around precipitation Cloud varied - sometimes only fragments on higher slopes, with good breaks. Around precipitation, forming extensively and quickly below 700m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief sun and very clear air. Visibility locally very poor in showers.	Intermittent sun and very clear air. Visibility abruptly appalling if in snow.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3C	-4C
Freezing Level	Most terrain frozen from dawn. Partial thawing lower slopes up to 200-300m.	Terrain widely frozen. May rise above zero up to 300m at times.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 23 January, 2021**

All mountains sub-zero through the weekend and into early next week. Terrain widely frozen with fresh snow cover to many lower slopes. Some freeze-thaw cycles may then occur, although higher Scottish mountains may rarely lift above zero for the next couple of weeks at least. Showers of snow and hail, or further significant snowfalls in some areas. Precipitation frequent into late January. Hard frosts most common in Highland glens. Very icy underfoot in places. Wind speeds varied, occasionally reaching gale force.

Forecast issued at 14:58 on Thursday, 21 January, 2021

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