

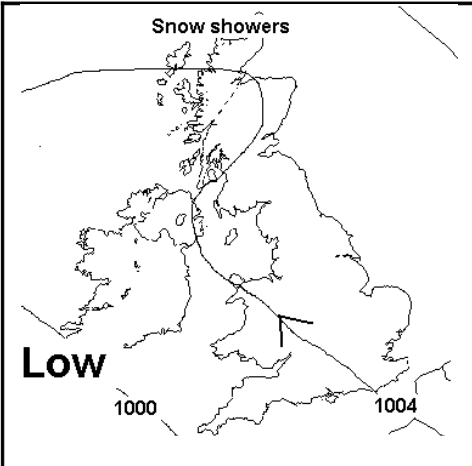
THE MOUNTAIN WEATHER INFORMATION SERVICE

THE LAKE DISTRICT

Includes the whole of Cumbria and the western Pennines north from Ingleborough.

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GENERAL SUMMARY for Monday 28th December 2009

	<p>British Mountain Summary: based on forecast chart for noon Monday</p> <p>Most of upland Britain will be dry with temperatures below freezing point. Winds will be light, but here and there the remnants of showers will bring an hour or light snow, but heavier snowfall may affect Sutherland.</p> <p>Headlines for the Lake District: A few pockets of light snow. Mostly frozen underfoot.</p>
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DETAILED FORECAST for Monday 28th December 2009

<p>How windy? (on higher hills) <i>Effect of wind on you?</i></p>	<p>Direction variable, with speeds less than 10mph. Negligible.</p>
<p>How wet?</p>	<p>Isolated snow flurries Snow flurries here and there, most likely west. Where there are flurries, as they move only slowly, it will locally snow for an hour or so.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills? <i>Chance of cloud free hills?</i></p>	<p>Patchy - will tend to break up Areas of low cloud, mostly in thin layers at a range of height from about 600m upwards. But many summits will be or will become cloud free for periods, in some spots above lower cloud. 30% morning, rising to 70% afternoon</p>
<p>Sunshine and air clarity?</p>	<p>Areas of sun increasingly developing, but foggy in some valleys. Visibility generally excellent on higher areas, but poor in cloud and snow</p>
<p>How cold?</p>	<p>750m: -1C. Freezing level: 500m or below; generally little change in temperature with height. Most ground frozen and in many areas icy.</p>

LOOKING AHEAD

	Tuesday 29 December	Wednesday 30 December
How windy? (on higher hills) <i>Effect of wind on you?</i>	Easterly 35 to 45mph, gusts may exceed 65mph on highest areas. <i>Likely to make for difficult walking on higher areas and severe wind chill</i>	Easterly around 35mph, gusts 55mph on highest areas. <i>Likely to give considerable buffeting on higher areas and severe wind chill</i>
How wet?	Risk snow edging north late on Most, perhaps all daylight hours dry; but small but increasing threat from south in afternoon of an envelope of snow extending north into Cumbria.	Risk patchy snow Low to moderate risk of occasional snow, most widely south Cumbria.
Cloud on the hills? <i>Chance of cloud free summits?</i>	Widely on eastern hills Cloud may well form widely above 650m Pennine fells, lift to 750m on eastern Lakeland fells, and then break at times toward west. 50%	Widely on eastern hills Cloud may well form widely above 550m Pennine fells, and lift to 750m or above westwards across Cumbria, but in constant snow, base likely to be 200m or so lower. 30%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Very little if any sun (due to high level cloud). Visibility mostly excellent.	Sunshine not expected. Generally very good visibility, but poor in snow.
How cold?	750m: -1 or -2C. Freezing level: 450m, but frosty in morning in many valleys.	750m: -2C. Freezing level: 500m, but frosty at first in many valleys.

PLANNING OUTLOOK: all mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday

Most mountain areas will remain permanently below freezing point throughout the next 7 days. However, milder air will reach much of Wales, turning snow into rain for a time mid-week at least on lower slopes – before cold air returns south across the whole of Britain. Elsewhere, low levels of precipitation overall, but clusters of snow showers will reach particularly northern and eastern mountain areas, giving locally heavy falls.

Forecast issued at 1300 Sunday 27th December 2009

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