

Lake District National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 02 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 03 Apr 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 02 Apr 2021 at 03:06

Confidence: High for another couple of settled days and then turning unsettled and much colder . Medium for cloud amounts on Friday.

Headline for Friday 02 Apr 2021: Dry with long sunny spells.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 02 Apr 2021

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability					
00%	00%	00%	<05%	00%	00%

Forecast for Friday 02 Apr 2021

Weather: A clear night with frost in sheltered dales. The day dry with sunny periods, some slight cloud buildup possible in the afternoon though this would be broken and high based.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Over 90%.

Visibility: General clarity of the air remaining very good.

Forecast for Friday 02 Apr 2021

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	12/14 NE	17/22 NE	18/23 NE	18/24 NE	20/25 NE	24/30 NE	27/34 NE
600	7/9 NE	12/16 NE	15/20 NE	16/22 NE	16/23 NE	15/22 NE	17/25 NE
300	1/8 NE	5/13 NE	7/17 NE	9/19 NE	6/18 NE	4/18 NE	6/22 NE
Valley	1/4 NE	3/9 N	7/15 NE	8/17 NE	7/16 NE	5/17 NE	7/20 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	1/-4	0/-6	2/-4	3/-3	2/-4	0/-6	-1/-8
600	0/-3	2/-3	4/0	5/1	5/0	2/-3	1/-5
300	1/-1	5/3	8/6	9/7	7/5	4/2	3/0
Valley	3/1	6/5	10/8	11/9	10/8	7/6	6/3
Freezing Level*	300m	500m	800m	1000m	900m	800m	700m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Meteorologist's View

Strengthening April sunshine brings a sunburn risk.

Forecast for Saturday 03 Apr 2021

Weather: Fine dry and sunny.

Maximum wind: North 10-15mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Over 90%

Visibility: Very good.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Minus 2 Celsius rising to Plus 12 Celsius in afternoon.

At 800m: Minus 1 rising to Plus 6 in the afternoon.

Freezing level: 700m rising above summits in afternoon then down to 900m in the evening.

Ground Conditions Supplement

Date: Thursday 1 April

Location: Helvellyn summit at 14:30

Temperature: plus 0.2°C

Maximum wind speed 19.5mph

Wind chill: minus 7.1°C Average wind speed: 14.4mph

Full report:

We are continuing to provide the Fell Top Reports for people undertaking their daily exercise during The lockdown. We would like to remind everyone that Government guidance from 29th March is to minimise travel and to stay local.

All Lakeland paths are now clear of unavoidable snow with the overwhelming majority of the fells now totally clear. The few remaining patches still to thaw lie mainly above 900m on predominantly steep N and E facing aspects. The exit slopes to both Striding & Swirral Edges are now easily climbed without setting foot on snow.

Following the freeze thaw action of the winter there is a lot of loose rock around especially on Swirral Edge. There has also been a significant landslip on the north side of Swirral which has taken part of the path with it

The forecasts for next week suggest significant snow fall settling on the fells and possibly to low levels. Walkers over the Easter weekend and beyond should be prepared for the return of winter with plenty of warm & waterproof layers, a reliable & suitable method of navigation and emergency kit including a mobile phone, survival bag and torch. Microspikes, crampons and an ice axe will all be very useful in dealing with a return to winter. Please be conservative with your plans and know both your limits and also when to turn back.

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