

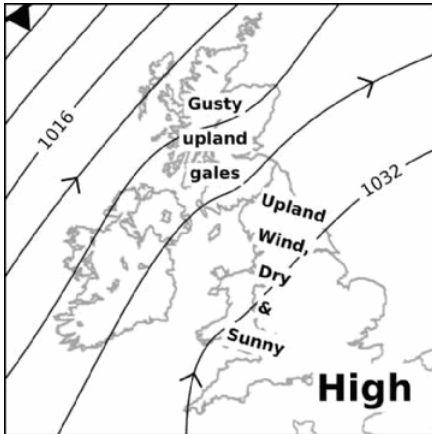
Lake District

The entire Lake District National Park, taking in all major summits, including Scafell, Helvellyn, Skiddaw, the Langdales and Old Man of Coniston.



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General Summary for Thursday, 16 January, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 January, 2025

Almost all mountains cloud free but low level fog coming in off the south and west coasts and rolling up some coastal uplands and mountains. Many summits warmer than their mid-slopes. Sudden increase of wind with height; very gusty gales in the Highlands. Hazy low down in some areas; superb visibility from high ground.

Headline for Lake District

Gusty upland gales; nearly all summits cloud free

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 16 January, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	South to southwesterly; strengthening markedly with height to 40mph. Locally may reach 45 or 50mph. Wind will be 25 to 30mph initially.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult walking conditions and significant wind chill developing. In places, considerable buffeting in powerful gusts.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain not expected
Cloud on the hills?	Higher mountains all cloud free - above low cloud in some areas Fog from the lowest slopes up near the coast and above; 300 to 450m south lakes. The top of the cloud between 550 and perhaps 750m - or by dusk 850m. Elsewhere, fragments on some slopes but higher summits cloud free.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%; 60% near dusk
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive bright sunshine and higher up excellent visibility. Hazy and in some areas dull lower slopes.
How Cold? (at 750m)	8C to perhaps 12C. Slightly cooler on the mid-slopes. Will feel as cold as -4C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 17 January	Saturday 18 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 35 to 45mph, easing to around 30mph in the afternoon. Gusty.	Southwesterly 20 to 25mph. Small risk of gusts.
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous or difficult conditions in the morning. Powerful gusts may blow you over on down-wind slopes. Blustery in the afternoon & balance still affected.	Comfort of walking affected. Marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Light drizzle south and west Lakes Drizzle on and off on the southern and western fells. In other areas, probably little or no precipitation but atmosphere may feel 'damp' at times, especially lower down.	Small risk of localised drizzle Risk of drizzle on the lower slopes of the southern fells.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive low-level cloud south and west Lakes Extensive cloud on south and west coastal upslopes. There will be some breaks further inland and higher summits likely to be above the cloud all together.	Probably very little on high ground Most likely largely a cloud-free day, but bands of fog, or possible wider-spread valley cloud may be present in the South Lakes.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40% generally; 70% on the highest tops.	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Poor visibility and hazy in many areas. Very clear air and widespread milky sunshine through high-level clouds if above the cloud deck.	Extensive sunshine. Hazy low down but superb visibility on high ground.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	Around 2C but higher summits may be as high as 6C. Feeling as cold as -10C in the wind, below the inversion layer. Above the summits.	7 to 10C, depending on height of the inversion; lower slopes will be significantly cooler. Feeling as cold as 0C in the wind. Above the summits but near or below freezing on lower ground initially.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 17 January, 2025**

Rain moving in some areas from the west on Sunday and Monday before high pressure starts building again and suppressing any rainfall to pockets of drizzle. Conditions may become gloomy low down as cloud is trapped below inversion; summits likely to remain clear with superb visibility. Freeze-thaw cycles will resume on the Scottish mountains though next week.

Forecast issued at 16:33 on Wednesday, 15 January, 2025

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