

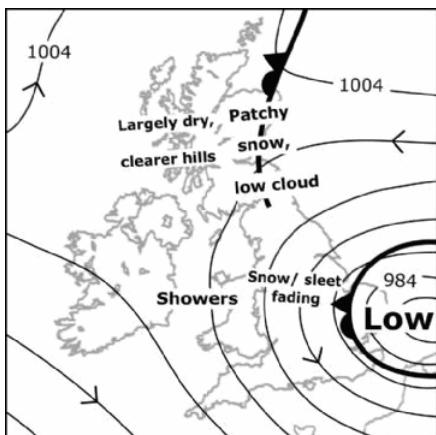
Lake District

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 Friday, 9 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 9 January, 2026

Patchy snowfall and low cloud over the eastern Highlands & N/E Pennines, little if any reaching western Scotland where hills will be clearer, some low-level fog. Extensive fresh snow cover for Wales and Peak District, residual flurries fade, but wind remains strong; showers with hail near west coast of Wales.

Headline for Lake District

Chilly wind. Patchy light snow, cloud banks over tops.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 9 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Northerly 20 to 25mph, nearer 30mph early in day, particularly eastern fells.
Effect of wind on you?	Feeling blustery with marked wind chill in exposure on higher fells, improving during afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional flurries Patchy snow from overnight still falling as light flurries over fells into morning, a band of more frequent flurries may push westwards for a time, tending to fade; mostly sleet lower slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied patches, more widely morning Banks of cloud likely over many higher slopes in the morning, but tending to thin and break, some patches may cling around tops in north and eastern areas all day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Any sun weak due to a veil of high cloud. Visibility poor at times if in snow and cloud, navigation challenging on some tops; becoming very good where dry.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1 or -2C. Feeling near/below -10C if exposed to stronger winds.
Freezing Level	300 to 600m, highest nearer to coasts, but some terrain frozen into the valleys.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 10 January	Sunday 11 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Variable direction 10-15mph or soon often less.	Southerly, strengthening rapidly up to dawn, in range 40 to 60mph much of daytime.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small.	Challenging conditions with frequent buffeting and powerful gusts to some lower slopes, significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rare showers, flurries Chance of light showers drifting in from the coast, snow flurries over fells, mostly rain spots below 500m in west.	Snow turning to rain Snow developing perhaps quickly from the southwest, setting in widely heavy, sleet or rain on lower terrain, possibly freezing rain for a time. Increasingly turning to rain to higher elevations.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied patches Patches of cloud some slopes, most common western tops, well broken eastwards. Local mist possible in valleys.	Extensive Shrouding the fells widely all day, to lower slopes south Lakeland, highest bases toward Ullswater.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mix of cloud and sun. Visibility mostly very good.	Overcast and mostly dull. Visibility generally very poor, appalling for a time if in snow on hills.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1 or -2C.	-1C rising toward +2 to 4C, small variation of temperature with height. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C.
Freezing Level	Much terrain frozen into valleys inland; some slopes to 400-500m just above freezing, 600m nearest coast.	300 to 500m from dawn, partly frozen into inland valleys; rising variably during day above freezing to highest tops.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 10 January, 2026

Terrain stays widely frozen away from coastal slopes this weekend, fresh extensive snow for Wales and Peak District, whilst substantial snow remains across Scottish mountains. By Sunday, southerly winds strengthen to gales - as a frontal system approaches, snow then freezing rain is likely. A rise of freezing level from the southwest - thawing develops, rising just above freezing toward all higher slopes; in England and Wales much snow will thaw - here only occasionally near freezing on highest tops in the week ahead. In Scotland next week, higher mountains often near or below freezing at 800-1000m upward. A mix of rain and high-level snowfall, often windy through mid-month.

Forecast issued at 16:10 on Thursday, 8 January, 2026

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