

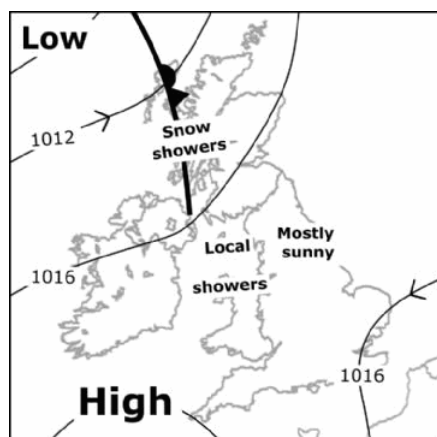
Lake District

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 Saturday, 10 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 10 January, 2026

Most terrain frozen, snow cover over many hills, beware icy surfaces even lower down. Wind fairly light, but windy Scottish highlands. Some snow showers and flurries, the snow frequent W & NW Highlands where hills extensively foggy.

Headline for Lake District

Wind increases, possible snow showers, patchy cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 10 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Variable direction 5-10mph or less in morning, becoming southerly then southwesterly 15-20mph middle of day, in places 25mph afternoon. Strengthening onward into the night to gales 45-60mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Small in morning, but becoming more blustery with marked wind chill on higher terrain in afternoon. Deteriorating significantly into night.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rare showers, flurries Odd light showers drifting in from the coast, snow flurries over fells, mostly rain spots below 500m in west.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied patches Patches of cloud some slopes, most common western tops above 600-700m, well broken eastwards. Local mist possible in valleys.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mix of cloud and sun, best in east. Visibility very good out of cloud, but locally poor mainly in west if in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1 or -2C. Feeling like -8C if exposed to wind afternoon.
Freezing Level	Much terrain frozen into valleys inland; some slopes to 400-500m just above freezing, 600m nearest coast.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 11 January	Monday 12 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly, in range 40 to 60mph, peak speeds likely to vary during day.	Southwesterly 45 to 60mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions with frequent buffeting and powerful gusts to some lower slopes, significant wind chill.	Challenging conditions, arduous walking over the fells, buffeting gusts to some lower slopes. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow soon turning to heavy rain Snow developing before dawn from the southwest, widely heavy, but soon sleet or rain to mid-upper slopes, possibly freezing rain for a time. Increasingly turning to heavy rain to higher elevations.	Rain much of the day Frequent to near-constant rain, some heavier showery bursts mixed in, particularly west and southwestern fells. Very wet underfoot due to previous rain and where snow melts.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Shrouding the fells widely all day, to lower slopes south Lakeland, highest bases toward Ullswater, rarely above 600-700m.	Extensive higher areas Covering higher fells most or all day above 700-800m, at times 500-600m near to the Irish Sea. Some breaks higher up mostly northeastern Lakeland.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and mostly dull. Visibility generally very poor, appalling at first if in snow on hills.	Rare if any glimpses of sun. A general haze, visibility poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-1C at dawn, rising toward +3 to 5C, small variation of temperature with height. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C. 300 to 500m up to dawn, partly frozen into inland valleys; rising rapidly above freezing to highest tops.	4C. Wind chill feeling around -10C where directly exposed on tops. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 11 January, 2026

Thawing develops during Sunday, snow turning to rain, rising just above freezing toward highest tops in Scotland, whilst in England and Wales a more rapid and substantial thaw - beware unstable snowpack conditions, then becoming very wet underfoot where melting occurs. A complex and unsettled outlook next week, generally less cold than recently, but still often below freezing over Scottish mountains above 800-1000m, and at least intermittently below freezing over tops in England and Wales. A mix of snow and rain will fall, often snow on Scottish tops with fresh accumulations. Some showery days with hail. Wind will vary in speed and direction day-to-day, some lulls, but risk gales at times on hills.

Forecast issued at 8:08 on Saturday, 10 January, 2026

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