

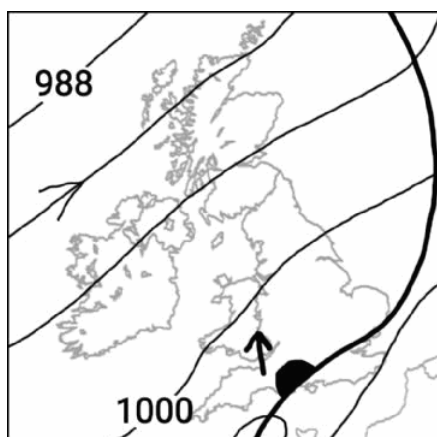
# Lake District

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



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## General Summary for Thursday, 15 January, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 15 January, 2026

Blustery and chilly south-westerly winds bringing occasional snow and hail showers, most prevalent across the west Highlands. Rain falling below 500m. Drier for England and Wales, but risk of marked deterioration later for southern and eastern Wales as rain and summit snow edges in from the south.

### Headline for Lake District

Blustery south-west winds bringing snow and hail showers. Rain lower slopes.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 15 January, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly 25 to perhaps in morning 35mph. There may be a lull later in afternoon.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Strong enough to make walking arduous where exposed and balance at times difficult. Considerable wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Heavy hail and snow showers</b> Succession of rain, hail and above 700m snow showers, fading into afternoon. Small chance thunder.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Unlikely to clear highest fells</b> Highest fells almost always cloud covered. Cloud base typically 400 to 700m south lakes and western fells elsewhere and 500 to 800m elsewhere. May occasionally clear higher northern fells.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sunshine. Very varied visibility: sometimes excellent, but very poor in snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	1C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	900m

	Friday 16 January	Saturday 17 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Low confidence in detail: Northwesterly 25-35mph at first light, but easing and backing southwesterly 15-20mph.	South-easterly 10 to 20mph, perhaps 25mph towards the west coast.
Effect of wind on you?	<b>Very blustery start perhaps, but winds soon easing out as they back into the southwest.</b>	<b>Mostly small, but a marked chill where exposed to the strongest breeze.</b>
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Mostly dry</b> Mostly dry, bar isolated showers, snow tops.	<b>Mostly dry</b> Occasional spots of drizzle possible, but negligible amounts.
Cloud on the hills?	<b>Varied, some fells often clear.</b>  Patches of banks on some upper slopes. May become more extensive later in the day across upper slopes.	<b>Banks of low cloud, best breaks in west.</b>  Varied amounts of low cloud. Focused across fells in the east and south. Best breaks, perhaps between cloud layers, will likely be toward the west coast.
Chance of cloud free summits?	<b>60%</b>	<b>30%</b>
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A mix of cloud and patchy sun. Visibility very good.	Mostly overcast with mist and murk concentrated across southern and eastern fells.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C	1 or 2C
Freezing Level	900m	Above the summits, patchy frost some valleys at dawn.

## Planning Outlook

**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 16 January, 2026**

A small scale low will pull away early on Friday morning to the North Sea to leave drier and chilly conditions into the weekend with a south to south-easterly airflow developing. Looking further ahead, a colder continental influence may be drawn in on south to east winds, but the extent of this is uncertain. The snow pack across the Scottish Highlands will be enhanced by further spells of snowfall where where fronts edge in from the west, whilst for England and Wales snow accumulating on the hills at times, perhaps in the form of showers from the east.

**Forecast issued at 16:46 on Wednesday, 14 January, 2026**

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