

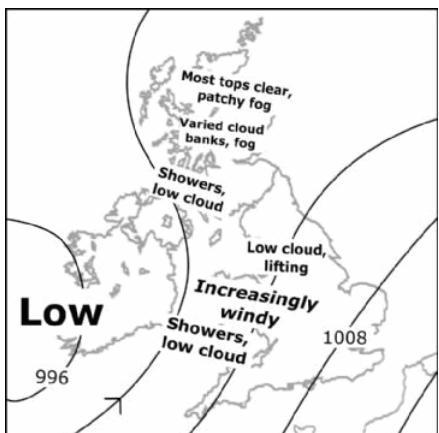
Lake District

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, 16 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 January, 2026

Dry for much of the Highlands, many northern mountains clear, in places above patchy valley fog, some weak sun through high-level cloud above the mountains. Breezy toward the west, some showers southwest coasts of Scotland, also S/W Wales. Areas of low cloud over Pennines and S Lakes may linger.

Headline for Lake District

Breezy, increasing. Lowest cloud south, breaks north, mostly dry.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 16 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 20 to 25mph, tending to increase during day to 30mph in places higher fells, mainly western Lakeland.
Effect of wind on you?	Feeling blustery with marked wind chill over higher terrain. May start to affect comfortable walking some exposed spots.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no precipitation Chance of odd showers grazing the coast in western Lakes, snow flurries over higher tops.
Cloud on the hills?	Most persistent south Lakes, breaks north Low cloud most persistent southern Lakeland, from 300-500m up in the morning, tending to rise into afternoon, though often covering fells above 600-700m. Higher and more broken cloud northwards, patches lifting at times.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20% south, to 60% north.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A mix of cloud and patchy sun, best north. Visibility very good away from cloud.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or 1C. Feeling like -5 to 8C if exposed to stronger breeze
Freezing Level	800m tending to rise a little to 900m or slightly higher afternoon onward.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 17 January	Sunday 18 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 15 to 20mph, to gusty 25mph in places around higher fells.	South to southeasterly 15 to 25mph, risk of stronger gusts in places around higher tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but a marked chill where exposed to the strongest breeze.	Blustery in exposure on some tops, may start to affect comfortable walking in places, giving marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Mostly dry Occasional spots of drizzle possible, but negligible amounts.	Little or no precipitation Some fine drizzle or snow grains on higher slopes mainly southwestern fells.
Cloud on the hills?	Banks of low cloud, best breaks N/W. 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 and north Lakes.	Lowest and most persistent south A cloud sheet likely to cover southern Lakeland from mid-elevations upward most or all day. Cloud more varied northward, banks often covering high tops, but base higher and some breaks possible.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	20% south, to 40% north.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly overcast with mist and murk concentrated across southern and eastern fells.	Glimpses of sun mainly north Lakes. Largely overcast, dull, misty to many mid-levels or some lower slopes.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1 or 2C	0 or 1C. Feeling like -7C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, patchy frost some valleys at dawn.	Varied, poorly defined: near to freezing on higher slopes, terrain partly frozen; also slight frost some valleys in morning.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 17 January, 2026

Often dry and chilly conditions into the weekend with a south to south-easterly airflow developing, gusty wind in places. General patterns into the second half of January favour a colder continental influence. The snow pack across the Scottish Highlands will be enhanced by further spells of snowfall 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 16:00 on Thursday, 15 January, 2026

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