

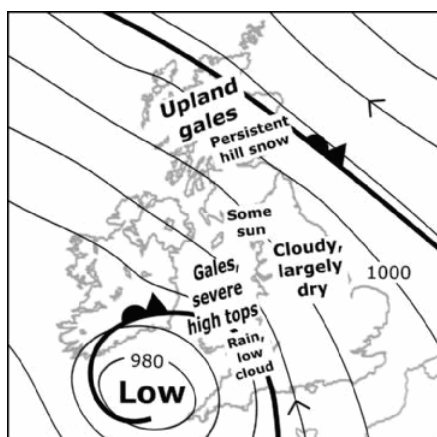
Lake District

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, 24 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 24 January, 2026

Gales widely across high terrain, strongest sustained speeds over Wales. Snowfall continues over east and southeast Scottish Highlands mountains, whiteout on higher terrain; rain lower down. Largely dry and clearer further northwest. Clearer also for the Lake District. Rain frequent in south Wales.

Headline for Lake District

Windy, gales on tops. Largely dry, some sun and clearer fells.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 24 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 35 to 50mph, very gusty in passes and downslope to west. Strengthening further into night, toward 60mph high tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking in exposure, frequent buffeting gusts not just on highest terrain; significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain Occasional light rain in the wind, snow flurries above 700m, but amounting to very little.
Cloud on the hills?	Patches, clearer north and west Banks of cloud varied above 700m, most persistent southeastern Lakeland; better breaks toward northwestern areas.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40% south, to 70% northwest
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Broken cloud and sun, best toward north and west Lakes, locally often sunnier. Visibility mostly very good out of cloud.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 to 2C. Directly in the wind feeling like -12 to -15C.
Freezing Level	800m particularly eastern Lakeland, slightly higher westwards, above some upper slopes toward far west.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 25 January	Monday 26 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly, speed may vary, in range 20 to 35mph, some sudden gusty spots through high passes and downslope.	Southwesterly 25-30mph, steadily strengthening to a gusty 40mph by dusk, may rise further after dark.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery over most high terrain, in places more frequent buffeting not just on the tops. Considerable wind chill.	Walking steadily becomes arduous with time, gusts in exposure will challenge balance. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain, snow tops Occasional rain, sleet or snow falling above 700m. Risk of some heavier bursts over south and southwestern fells at times.	Patchy snow south/east Occasional patchy sleet/snow drifts onto the southern and eastern fells. Towards northwest Lakeland, likely only spots in the wind and largely dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive over tops Often covering much higher terrain above 700-800m, sometimes lower in east Lakes. Higher bases and some breaks toward west.	Best of high breaks to the northwest Cloud persistently clings to the middle and upper slopes of south and eastern Lakeland. Highest bases to the north of Great Gable where breaks may reach fell tops at times.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, hazy. Poor visibility over many hills.	Often bright to the northwest early, then high cloud builds with time. Often good visibility but quickly turns poor during snow/sleet falls.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or 1C. Feeling like -8 to -12C in the wind.	-2C. Feeling as cold as -13C, later -18C in direct wind.
Freezing Level	800m, locally slightly higher toward the west, may drop to 600m later in day.	500-600m.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 25 January, 2026

East to southeasterlies continue onward into next week, frequently strong to gale-force over the mountains, giving severe chill factor. Below freezing across high terrain in Scotland, and into early next week a lowering freezing level over hills in England and Wales. Frequent or persistent snowfall over east and southern Scottish mountains. Patchier and small amounts reaching coastal regions in west-northwest Scotland. Areas of rain and increasingly hill snow push across England and Wales as low pressure remains dominant. Low cloud often covering many hills.

Forecast issued at 15:35 on Friday, 23 January, 2026

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