

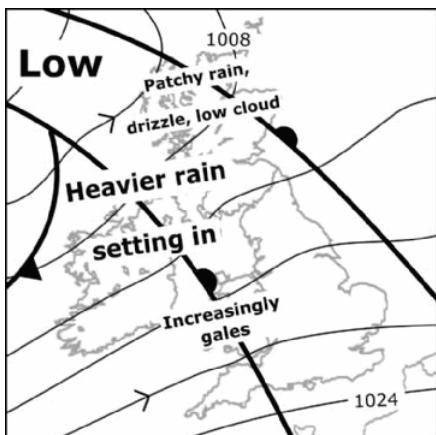
# Lake District

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, 21 February, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 February, 2026

Southwesterly winds strengthening during the day, becoming upland gales more widely later. Milder overall, soon rising above freezing to the highest summits in Scotland. Rain, drizzle and low cloud extensive, developing into more prolonged heavy rain from the west in the afternoon.

### Headline for Lake District

Windy, gales later. Low cloud, drizzle, rain heavy later afternoon.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 21 February, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly 35mph, tending to strengthen, 45mph up to dusk on higher fells, 50mph with stronger gusts after dark.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Strenuous walking conditions, making balance challenging on exposed ridges, becoming widely difficult late in day. Considerable wind chill despite milder air.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain and drizzle, setting in heavier later</b> Rain on and off, persistently drizzly at least much of the region, most constant rain toward west and southwest Lakes, constantly heavier with time in afternoon, continuing into evening. Becoming very wet underfoot, particularly where snow melts on higher areas.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive</b> Blanketing the hills all day, from lower elevations upward west and southwestern fells, rarely above 400-500m. Furthest northeast, bases toward 600m at times.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Hazy, visibility widely poor in rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	5C. Where exposed to stronger winds on tops, feeling like -7C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits. Some lying snow will remain on higher fells, but a rapid thaw underway.

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 22 February	Monday 23 February
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly 40 to 50mph, frequent squally gusts in showers, toward 60mph on higher tops.	Southwesterly 40 to 50mph, strongest in morning, easing slowly toward 30mph later afternoon.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Challenging conditions over the fells, frequent buffeting making walking arduous in exposure. Significant wind chill.</b>	<b>Arduous walking conditions over the fells, gusts knocking you off balance in exposure. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Showery rain, hail</b> Showers, at times feeling more continuous over western fells, some heavier bursts of rain with hail. Brief showers eastward.	<b>Patchy rain, risk setting in heavier</b> Rain on and off, may be small amounts for a few hours at least, most common on western hills. Risk becoming more widely persistent, heavier with time south and western Lakeland.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Fairly extensive higher areas</b>  Covering the fells above 800m most of the time, but bases will vary in and out of showers, sometimes forming to 600m or lower near coast. Occasional breaks higher up mainly eastern fells.	<b>Fairly extensive, lowering in rain</b>  Covering higher fells most or all day above 700m, but forming to 400-500m western areas in rain, may lower fairly widely. Best of any breaks toward northeast Lakes.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, mostly toward east. Visibility intermittently very good, but reduced to occasionally poor in showers.	Largely cloudy, some brief sun breaking through eastern areas. Hazy toward coast, visibility fairly good at times inland, but widely poor if in rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	3C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C on tops.	3C, then rising slightly after dark. Feeling like -10 to -15C directly in the wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.	Just above freezing on highest summits.

## Planning Outlook

## All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 22 February, 2026

West to southwesterly winds prevail during the week ahead as areas of low pressure move toward northwest Scotland whilst ridges of higher pressure occasionally nudge across southern Britain. Sustained gales over the mountains, only brief lulls. Temperatures will fluctuate above and below freezing on higher Scottish mountains, with periods of thaw and refreezing. England and Wales generally above freezing to tops with a substantial thaw of most upland snow. Frequent rainfall, often heavy over western mountains, at times showery with hail, some snow on Scottish Munros. The final days of February favour colder northwesterly air and a drop of freezing level.

## Forecast issued at 15:30 on Friday, 20 February, 2026

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