

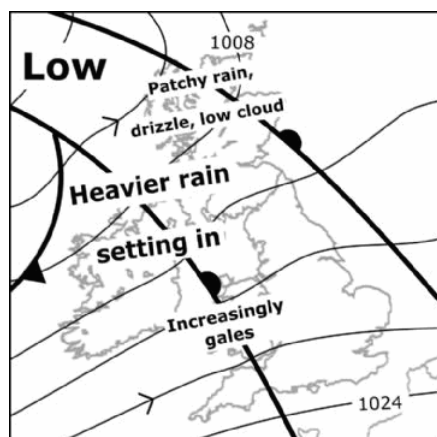
# Lake District

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.

**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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