

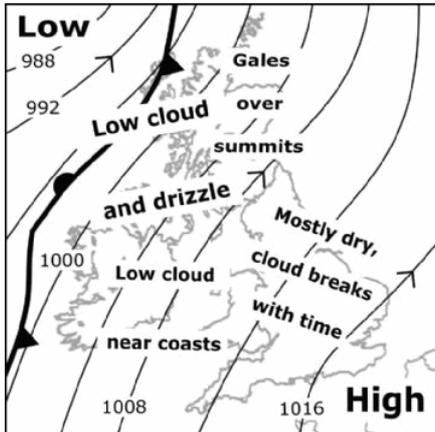
Lake District

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 Tuesday, 24 February, 2026



**British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 24 February, 2026**

Widely windy, gales over high terrain and more widely Scottish Highlands. Most rain in northwest Scotland with extensive coastal cloud, some drizzle on other high northwestern terrain with low cloud, most persistent on south/west aspects. Largely dry central and east areas, early low cloud, sun breaks with time.

Headline for Lake District

Windy, risk gale force gusts; early cloud and drizzle, may improve

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 24 February, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 35 to 40mph, turbulent gusts approaching 45mph over high terrain.
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous walking over higher exposed terrain, frequent buffeting necessitating constant effort to maintain balance. Considerable wind chill despite milder air.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Some drizzle high west and south slopes Drizzly over many fells at and before dawn with patchy rain, particularly west and southwestern fells. Most fells becoming dry, a few odd drizzly spots linger in south/west Lakeland.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, lowest west & south, may improve Shrouding the fells above 400-500m in the west and south, or lower on coastal aspects, Higher bases to 600m or higher northeast, and perhaps more often broken with time, best chance Helvellyn to Blencathra.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%, rising to 40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, murky southwestern areas, locally better visibility north Lakes and sun breaking out with time here. Some haze is likely, at least in the morning.
How Cold? (at 750m)	4 or 5C most of the day, may rise to 6C later. In exposure to wind, feeling like -6 to -8C.
Freezing Level	Above all summits, though some patches of refrozen snow and icy surfaces linger on highest terrain.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 25 February	Thursday 26 February
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 30-40mph, notable gusts including to lower slopes. A tendency towards stronger wind with time. Strenuous-to-arduous walking much of the day with buffeting gusts and notable wind chill. May deteriorate.	Southwesterly 35-45mph. A risk of speeds reaching 50mph for periods in the afternoon. Strenuous-to-arduous walking all day, most powerful wind requiring bracing/crouching for stability; significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Increasingly rainy Patches of rain come and go from dawn, may be drizzly at times on the high slopes in south Lakeland. With time, rain may become more frequent with patches extending more broadly.	Pulses of rain Bands of rain will sweep west-to-east through the day. Dry periods between the pulses, though west and southern fells will continue to receive spotty light rain in the wind.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Fairly extensive Fog shrouds the fells from middle slopes upward, often to the lower slopes of the Scafell group and towards Coniston. Best chance of higher breaks near Catbells/Blencathra, but unlikely to summits. 20%	Variable, lowest bases south and west Variable, extensive over high terrain during pulses of rain, bases reaching as low as 400m on western aspects. Higher bases during dry periods, breaks to some summits in the east possible, though these likely only fleeting. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A few brighter periods towards north/east Lakeland, otherwise overcast and dull. Good visibility where out of cloud, but otherwise poor.	Variable cloud, sometimes brighter skies with sunny breaks east, but then overcast during rain. Good visibility during rain/fog breaks.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	6C, very little change with added height. Feeling like -5 to -8C in the wind. Above the summits.	3 or 4C from dawn, lowering to 2C for a few hours around midday, rising again. Feeling like -10 to -12C in direct wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 25 February, 2026

West to southwesterly winds prevail from mid-week into the weekend as areas of low pressure move toward northwest Scotland; regular rainfall here, most frequent and heavy over western mountains. Bands of rain from the west also affecting England and Wales. Milder temperatures from mid-week with freezing levels above all summits for a few days, substantial thawing to the summits in England and Wales, some high slope thawing in Scotland too. Extensive gales, only a brief easing on Wednesday, then soon unsettled again with cooler temperatures returning, showery west with bands of rain passing east, some snow on Scottish Munros. Some drier, brighter weather is possible over the weekend, though interruptions by bands of rain are likely with low confidence in detail.

Forecast issued at 15:58 on Monday, 23 February, 2026

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