

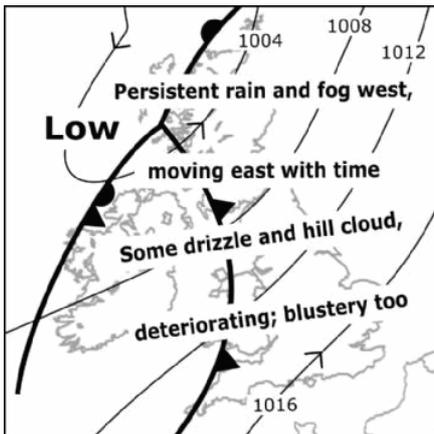
# Lake District

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 Wednesday, 25 February, 2026



**British Mountain Summary:  
Based on forecast chart for noon 25 February, 2026**

Mild for the time of year; freezing levels above all summits, snow still lying on high Munros but continuing to thaw to the summits. Windy, strongest near Irish Sea and south Scotland with buffeting gusts. Rain and extensive hill cloud in west Scotland, passing east and into England and Wales with time.

**Headline for Lake District**

Increasingly wet and foggy; blustery

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 25 February, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly 30-40mph, notable gusts including to lower slopes. A tendency towards sustained speeds near the higher end of the range with time.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Strenuous-to-arduous walking with considerable wind chill in exposure. Buffeting gusts often challenge stability, including to some middle slopes.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Increasingly rainy</b> From dawn, patchy drizzle affects the high fells, mostly south and west Lakeland. With time, patchy rain arrives and becomes more frequent with patches extending more broadly.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Fairly extensive</b> 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, and more extensively shrouded here with time as well.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	A few brighter periods towards north/east Lakeland in the morning, otherwise overcast and dull. Good visibility where out of cloud, but otherwise poor.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	6C, very little change with added height, if any. Lowering slightly overnight. Feeling like -4 to -6C in strongest direct wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits. Some patchy, thawing snow may remain on highest summits.

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 26 February	Friday 27 February
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southwesterly 40-45mph. Strengthening for several hours at least, speeds around 45-55mph. <b>Strenuous-to-arduous walking all day, most powerful wind requiring bracing/crouching for stability; significant wind chill.</b>	Highly uncertain: variable speed and direction possible, though a trend towards strengthening westerlies, to 35mph+. <b>Uncertain, variable conditions: effects may be small for several hours but a deteriorating trend likely.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Showery rain, may set in with time</b> 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 showery rain in the wind, perhaps more widely later.	<b>Showery rain</b> A chance of showery rain across all fells, though dry intervals too. Risk of a broader area of rain moving through, but confidence is low.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Variable, lowest south and west, deteriorating</b> 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 but the chance reducing.	<b>Mostly high terrain</b> Fairly extensive above 500-600m in the morning, ragged lower patches too from rain. A lifting trend, some breaks possible too, but with a risk of returning extensively again if rain returns.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Variable cloud, sometimes brighter skies with sunny breaks east, but then overcast during rain. Good visibility during rain/fog breaks.	Sun bursts possible later in the day. Very good visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b> <b>Freezing Level</b>	4 or 5C. Feeling like -10 to -12C in direct wind.  Above the summits.	Range of 2 to 4C, uncertainty in timing of changes, but a general cooling trend. Feeling like -5 to -8C in strongest wind.  Above the summits to start, may lower to just the high terrain during daylight, more certainly lowering into night.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 26 February, 2026

Thursday will be windy with a swathe of rain affecting all areas at some point. A low pressure core is likely to affect the country on Friday, but detail is highly uncertain: there is a risk of rain and strong wind for central and southern areas, a general cooling trend. Snow returning to the Scottish Highlands, the snowfall level lowering into nighttime. A fast-moving ridge of high pressure leads into Saturday, then a return to west-southwesterly wind with bands of rain passing west to east through the weekend into the following week.

Mixed conditions are indicated in the following week, with low and high pressure competing for dominance: freezing levels will vary, high Scottish terrain often at or below freezing, the level occasionally lifting to and above tops.

### Forecast issued at 16:54 on Tuesday, 24 February, 2026

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