

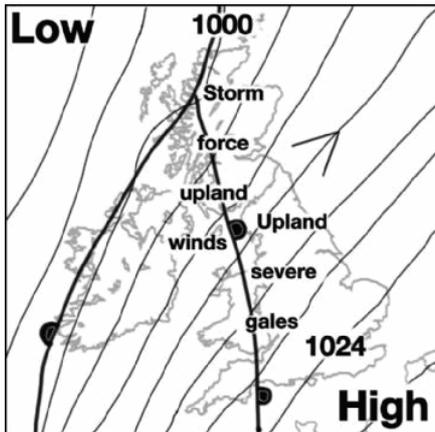
Lake District

The entire Lake District National Park, taking in all major summits, including Scafell, Helvellyn, Skiddaw, the Langdales and Old Man of Coniston. Also includes the Howgill Fells east of Kendal (the NW extension of Yorks Dales).



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General Summary for Tuesday, 23 February, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 February, 2021

Active fronts edging east across Britain will bring widespread severe conditions: Storm force upland winds and incessantly heavy rain (initially snow Scottish Highlands) to most western mountains. Conditions a little less severe E/S Wales and S Pennines, where little rain but gales still severe.

Headline for Lake District

Severe gale or storm force upland winds. Heavy or torrential rain.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 23 February, 2021

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly, 60mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Rapid increase of speed with height will make mobility very difficult where exposed on higher terrain. Even on lower terrain ferocious gusts may blow you over.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain setting in from west Rain soon enveloping all of Cumbria, becoming heavy or torrential south Lakes and western fells elsewhere. The rain may not start until afternoon and amount to little northern Pennines.
Cloud on the hills?	Blanket fog much of region Some northern and eastern fells initially free of cloud. Soon blanket fog most areas above 400-750m lowest south lakes, although even lower southwestern fells. The northern Pennines and northeastern Lakeland fells may have only patchy cloud most of day above 700m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Soon almost nil most of region, but 30% N Pennines and northeastern fells
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun lower slopes north Lakes, northern Pennines. Visibility initially excellent east Cumbria but will deteriorate in rain, becoming widely very poor south lakes.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C rising to 5C. Will feel as cold as minus 12 Celsius directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 24 February	Thursday 25 February
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 30mph - although possibly swathe of 55mph affecting south Lakes for periods. Walking may be very difficult where exposed on higher areas and wind chill severe.	Southwest to westerly 25mph but perhaps at times 30mph highest fells. Likely to impede ease of walking on higher areas.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain most or all day Rain frequently, perhaps almost incessant much of region; least rainfall northern fells. Very wet underfoot. Rivers and streams in spate; some flooding of rivers and paths.	Risk snow and hail showers Substantially dry, but risk over an hour or so of a few showers, of snow above 600m.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Blanket of fog across the mountains Cloud extensively shrouding the hills, widely covering lower slopes across south lakes. Few breaks above 600m, even in north lakes. 10%	Confined to higher tops Cloud base will change as showers come and go. Typically, from late morning cloud rare below 600m and general cloud base 800m, although may well frequently clear higher eastern fells. 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine not expected. Widely very poor visibility in rain; hazy at best.	Patchwork of sunshine. Excellent visibility, but temporarily poor in snow.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	6C Above the summits	1C 900m

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 24 February, 2021**

Very much drier later this week as pressure rises markedly, initially across southern Britain. Fronts may bring occasional rain, mainly to the NW highlands (where also windy) until the weekend, but then all areas will probably become dry - and the wind dropping. Temperature wise, the Scottish Munros frequently sub-freezing, but summits elsewhere mostly above freezing point.

Forecast issued at 14:50 on Monday, 22 February, 2021

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