

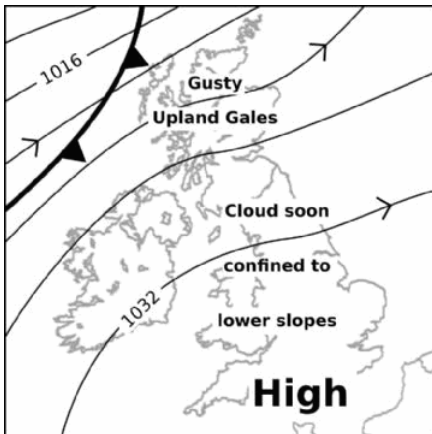
Lake District

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General Summary for Wednesday, 15 January, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 January, 2025

Strong upland gales and powerful gusts over the Highlands; wind getting increasingly lighter further south. Extensive cloud possible in the morning but will very soon be confined to the lower slopes and many summits will be cloud free and dry. Superb visibility on high ground, above haze layer. Feeling mild, especially where wind is light.

Headline for Lake District

Gusty wind. Cloud mostly clearing.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 15 January, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly typically 20mph, but locally 25 or perhaps 30mph. Sudden gusts on some lower slopes.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly fairly small, but locally considerable buffeting, in places reaching lower slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk of occasional drizzle Pockets of fine drizzle possible where in cloud.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Mostly or all confined to lower slopes Cloud may well have cleared higher fells overnight, leaving fog, in places in valleys and on lower slopes south lakes and close to the west coast. Areas above 500m increasingly above the fog. There may be some mid-level cloud on the western coastal fells. 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine may well be extensive; with superb visibility on higher slopes. Hazy or foggy lower areas, especially towards the south.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	Varied: mostly between 5 and 8C - nearer 3C where in cloud. Will feel as cold as minus 7C in the wind. Above the summits with continued thaw of snow and remaining frozen terrain.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 16 January	Friday 17 January
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	South to southwesterly; strengthening markedly with height to 40mph, to locally 45 or 50mph. Difficult walking conditions and significant wind chill. In places, considerable buffeting in powerful gusts.	Southwesterly 40 to 50mph, easing to around 30mph in the afternoon. Arduous or difficult conditions in the morning. Powerful gusts may blow you over on down-wind slopes. Blustery in the afternoon & balance still affected.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain not expected	Light drizzle south and west Lakes Drizzle on and off on the southern and western fells. In other areas, probably little or no precipitation but atmosphere may feel 'damp' at times, especially lower down.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Higher mountains all cloud free - above low cloud in some areas Fog from lowest slopes up near the coast and above 300 to 450m south lakes. The top of the cloud between 550 and perhaps 750m - or by dusk 850m. Elsewhere, fragments on some slopes but higher summits cloud free. 80%	Extensive south and west Lakes Extensive cloud on south and west coastal upslopes. There will be some breaks further inland and higher summits may well be above the cloud all together. 40% generally; 70% on the highest tops.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive bright sunshine and higher up excellent visibility. Hazy and in some areas dull lower slopes.	Poor visibility and hazy in many areas. Very clear air and widespread sunshine through high-level clouds if above the cloud deck.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	8C to perhaps 12C. Will feel as cold as minus -4C directly in the wind. Above the summits.	Around 2C but higher summits may be as high as 6C. Feeling as cold as -10C in the wind, below the inversion layer. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 16 January, 2025**

Persistent thaw through the week as very mild air arrives from the southwest and later south. There will be a little drizzly rain near the west coasts - possibly wetter in some areas from the weekend. However, from time to time, mountains, most frequently in England and Wales will clear (sometimes above fog on lower slopes). Winds sometimes fairly light, particularly Wales, but windier progressively northwards with periods of upland gales Scottish Highlands.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Tuesday, 14 January, 2025

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