

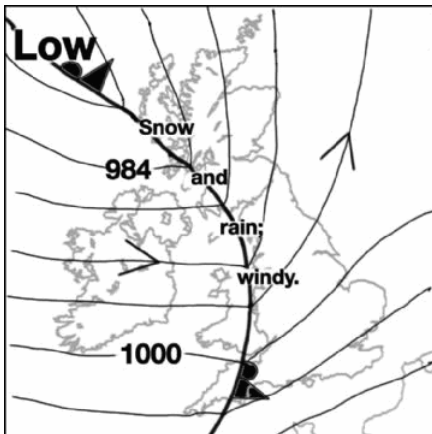
Lake District

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General Summary for Thursday, 23 January, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 January, 2025

The onset of a change as air begins to come in off the Atlantic. There will be extensive low cloud, and as a weakening front comes inland precipitation (snow on the mountains, even lower slopes Scotland) will set in for a couple of hours or so (very little N/NE Scotland). Upland winds will also strengthen markedly.

Headline for Lake District

Snow/rain after dry start. Becoming windy.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 23 January, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly; from west morning/middle of day strengthening 30, perhaps 40mph. Will abruptly veer westerly from west afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Where exposed walking becoming arduous and wind chill considerable.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and upland snow spreading east Local showers morning, but extensively dry. Rain or snow above 450m spreading east middle of day, most persistent south lakes.
Cloud on the hills?	Very extensive Cloud will cover most mountains all day, particularly south lakes from lower slopes up. Some northern fells could be cloud free for a while morning before then filling in above 500 to 700m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Less than 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Soon cloudy: early glimpses of sun before high cloud thickens. Visibility good but poor in rain, sometimes appalling in snow.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0C. Will feel as cold as minus -12C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	750m.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 24 January	Saturday 25 January
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	South veering westerly: varying between 60 and 110mph. Very severe conditions;; extreme wind chill and even on lower slopes mobility sometimes difficult. Progress tortuous higher up.	Westerly backing southwesterly, typically 35 or 40mph morning but in afternoon perhaps 25mph in a lull. Expect significant wind chill and walking to be difficult on higher areas, mainly morning.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers; snow higher fells Upland snow pre dawn then showery rain, mainly afternoon. Snow above 600m - perhaps 450m toward dusk.	Hail and snow showers Snow and hail showers; possibly later the precipitation frequent.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Extensive on higher areas Cloud base varying, sometimes quickly, though typically 450 to 800m, lowest near precipitation. 20%	Intermittently clearing at least lower summits Varying cloud base; breaks to 850m, perhaps higher, but near precipitation, forming at 550m or sometimes lower. 40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun; very hazy.	Patchy sun, most widely lower slopes east Cumbria. Visibility poor in snow; otherwise constant haze.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	2C, In afternoon dropping erratically to -2C. Will feel as cold as minus 18C directly in Rising rapidly above the summits well before dawn, then lowering again during daytime to 800m, perhaps lower later.	-1C. Will feel as cold as minus 14C directly in the wind. 550m

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 24 January, 2025**

An extremely intense Atlantic low will make landfall in Scotland on Friday. In many areas upland winds will approach or reach hurricane force, and widespread precipitation will occur.

Precipitation will then fall most days over the coming week as low pressure continues to dominate, giving further periods of upland gales or storm force winds. On the Scottish Highlands most precipitation will be of snow, whilst further south snow more intermittently and often confined to higher summits.

Forecast issued at 14:30 on Wednesday, 22 January, 2025

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