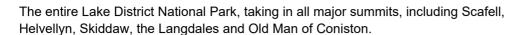
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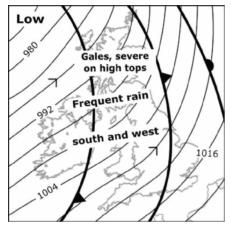






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General Summary for Thursday, 20 February, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 20 February, 2025

Gale force winds widespread across the mountains. South and west areas will often be rainy, most persistent near coasts, some heavy bursts at times moving inland. Less rain further east & northeast. Extensive low cloud shrouding the hills.

Headline for Lake District

Widely cloudy with gales. Most places will be rainy.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 20 February, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 45-55mph, gradually turning southwesterly. Highest gusts onto southwestern slopes and over fell tops reaching up to 65mph.		
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous to difficult with considerable buffeting. You may struggle to stay on your feet in highest winds. Significant wind chill.		
How wet?	Wet south, west, and high terrain		
(Precipitation and its impact)	Rain most of the day near Coniston/Wast Water and onto highest fells; several heavier spells come and go. More of a patchy pattern and mostly light near Keswick and Ullswater.		
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, higher bases north/east		
	Extensive low cloud across most areas, bases near Coniston and Windermere down to lowest slopes. Higher bases in the north Lakes, a stray broken spell possible around Ullswater.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%		
Sunshine?	Little or no sun.		
Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly very poor visibility.		
How Cold? (at 750m)	8C at first, a slow cooling of a few degrees through the day. Feeling like -7C in the wind.		
Freezing Level	Above the summits.		

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Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 21 February	Saturday 22 February
How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 60-80mph for most of daylight.	Southwesterly 25-35mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Any mobility very difficult. Severe wind chill.	Walking becoming impeded, balance and stability challenged on exposed terrain. Notable wind chill.
How wet?	Fairly persistent	Drizzly southwest
(Precipitation and its impact)	Rain quite persistent in most places, heavy spells over fell tops. Drier spells around Keswick.	Intermittent or frequent drizzle around Coniston/Wast Water and nearby fells. Dry north and east.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, some variability north	Frequent southwest, patchy northeast
	Extensive low cloud across most areas, bases lowest slopes upward in the south. Bases higher but variable north, highest terrain always foggy.	Frequent or persistent cloud on and around the Scafell range, bases reaching mid slopes at times. Patchy banks with clear spells Ullswater and Keswick.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Less than 10%	30% southwest, 70% northeast
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	No sun expected. Mostly very poor visibility.	Northeast frequently sunny after noon. Mostly good visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	7C, cooling a degree or two near dusk. Feeling as cold as -10C in wind.	3C Wind feeling like -5C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 21 February, 2025

Frequent rain and periods of gale or storm force upland wind over the next several days. All terrain will have thawed by the weekend, though on Saturday, higher Scottish summits will be below freezing and over England and Wales there will be a lull in the wind. Deteriorating again widely into Sunday. Becoming very wet underfoot on western mountains.

Next week sees lower temperatures, a return to mostly sub-freezing conditions over Scottish Munros, whilst lower Scottish hills plus mountains in England & Wales will see some freeze and thaw. Showery conditions with hail and upland snow, mixed with occasionally more widespread precipitation and low cloud, though periods of clearing will occur as well.

Forecast issued at 16:21 on Wednesday, 19 February, 2025

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