

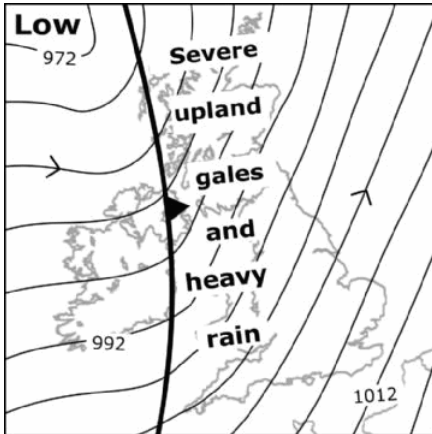
Lake District

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 Friday, 21 February, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 February, 2025

Severe conditions over the mountains, storm-force winds most of daylight. Wet all day most areas, heaviest rain on south-facing hill groups, risk of local flooding. Least rain toward far north of the Highlands. Cloud shrouding the hills widely. Well above freezing with an ongoing thaw.

Headline for Lake District

Stormy upland winds. Frequent or persistent rain.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 21 February, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 60-80mph for most of daylight, powerful gusts in places downslope to north. Speeds moderating evening into night.
Effect of wind on you?	Any mobility very difficult on higher fells; walking challenging even on mid to lower slopes in exposure. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain persistent, heavy south Rain persistent in most places, heaviest over south and southwestern fells. Occasionally easing off toward Keswick. Rain fading widely toward dusk. Very wet underfoot, particularly southwestern areas, streams in spate.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, some variability north Extensive low cloud across most areas, bases lowest slopes upward in the south. Bases higher but variable north, highest terrain always foggy.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Less than 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	No sun expected. Mostly very poor visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	7C, cooling a degree or two near dusk. Feeling as cold as -10C in wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 22 February	Sunday 23 February
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 25-35mph. Walking becoming impeded, balance and stability challenged on exposed terrain. Notable wind chill.	South to southwesterly 50 to 70mph, for periods over 80mph at least in gusts on higher tops. Severe conditions: mobility challenging across the fells, frequently knocking you off your feet where exposed higher up.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly southwest Intermittent or frequent drizzle around Coniston/Wast Water and nearby fells. Often dry north and east.	Heavy rain Rain setting in around dawn, soon heavy, continuing for several hours at least, possibly wet much of the daytime, although during afternoon may become showery.
Cloud on the hills?	Frequent southwest, patchy northeast Frequent or persistent cloud on and around the Scafell range, bases reaching mid slopes at times. Patchy banks with clear spells Ullswater and Keswick.	Extensive Shrouding the fells likely all day, from low-to-mid slopes upward south and western Lakes, mid-slopes northern areas. Highest of any breaks in Ullswater area.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% southwest, 70% northeast	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Northeast frequently sunny after noon. Mostly good visibility.	Overcast and dull, sun unlikely. Hazy, poor visibility in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	3C. Wind feeling like -5C. Above the summits.	2C rising to 5C. Feeling like -10 to -15C due to wind chill. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 22 February, 2025**

All terrain will have thawed by the weekend; very wet underfoot with several spells of heavy rainfall, highest totals on south & southwest-facing hills bringing local flooding. A relative improvement on Saturday for many places, but remaining windy, up to gale-force higher northern Scottish tops - rain still frequent around Skye. Deteriorating again into Sunday with further storm-force mountain winds. Chillier westerly winds prevail next week, 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.

Forecast issued at 15:45 on Thursday, 20 February, 2025

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