

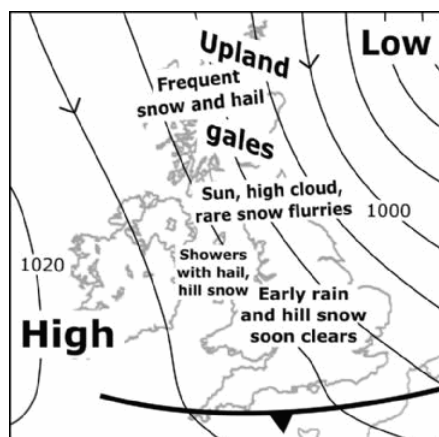
Lake District

The entire Lake District National Park, taking in all major summits, including Scafell, Helvellyn, Skiddaw, the Langdales and Old Man of Conistone.



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General Summary for Thursday, 1 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 1 January, 2026

Cold north-northwesterly winds, widely gale force over the mountains, difficult conditions with severe chill factor on Scottish high tops. Showery snow and hail frequent in northern Scotland. Rare showers central Scotland and northern England. Early rain and hill snow followed by showers in Wales.

Headline for Lake District

Gales on high tops, largely dry, many tops often clear.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 1 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 35 to 40mph, in places 45-50mph at least in gusts on higher fells.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking, frequent buffeting over most high terrain, more challenging in exposure higher up, difficult to maintain balance some ridges. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rare brief snow showers Overnight, a band of showery rain, or falling as snow above 600m, clearing south before first light. Largely dry day, isolated brief showers with snow and hail may push in from coast. Greater risk of scattered snow showers into the evening and night.
Cloud on the hills?	Patches mostly western tops Patchy cloud drifting over higher slopes mostly western Lakeland above 700-800m, rarely grazing higher tops further east.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60% west to 80% east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of sunshine, some high cloud. Visibility very good, occasionally reduced in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or -1C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C.
Freezing Level	500 to 700m, highest near to coasts. Into night dropping sub-zero to lower slopes.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 2 January	Saturday 3 January
How windy? (On the summits)	North-northwesterly 25 to 35mph, risk over 40mph for a few hours from dawn.	North to northwesterly 25 to 35mph, at times 40mph higher tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Significant wind chill over the fells. Strenuous walking and balance affected on exposed tops and ridges.	Continued significant wind chill over the hills. Frequent buffeting on exposed higher terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation unlikely	Precipitation unlikely
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly little Patches clipping some high tops occasionally, but mostly clear fells.	Little if any Rare patches on some higher slopes, mainly north Lakeland tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny. Visibility excellent.	Mostly sunny. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3 or -4C (-6C highest summits). Wind chill feeling like -15C on tops.	-4 or -5C. Wind chill feeling like -17C in exposure on high tops.
Freezing Level	Most terrain frozen, barely rising above zero inland valleys; just above freezing up to 300-400m nearest coast.	Terrain widely frozen, staying sub-zero from valleys upward. Nearest the coast, partial thawing in sunlight to 300-400m.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 2 January, 2026

Terrain extensively frozen onward into the weekend and early next week at least ; sub-zero temperatures from the glens upward in Scotland and some valleys inland in northern England. Substantial fresh snow accumulations in the North West Highlands and Cairngorms, heavy showers streaming in from the north also containing hail. Largely dry and sunny from central Scotland to northern England. Hail and snow showers will run into north and west Wales from the sea . Bitter northerly winds, up to gale force higher tops, tending to lessen into Sunday. Some fluctuation of freezing level during next week, but some fronts moving in from northwest likely bring snowfall to hills at times more widely.

Forecast issued at 15:55 on Wednesday, 31 December, 2025

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