

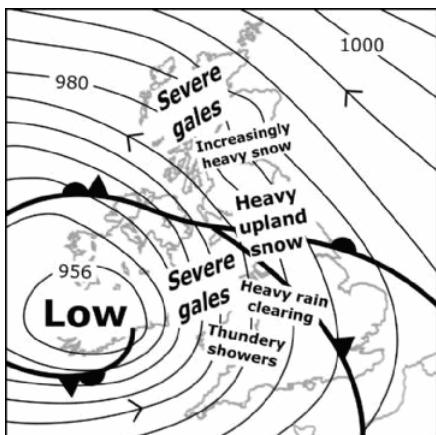
Lake District

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 Tuesday, 27 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 27 January, 2026

Severe conditions - storm-force winds on mountains, damaging gusts to some lower terrain. Extensive hill snow for N England & S Scotland, snow setting in heavier with time for southern Highlands; blizzard conditions widely, rain only lower slopes. Showery bursts follow in Wales with risk of hail and thunder.

Headline for Lake District

Severe gales. Heavy upland snow, rain lower down.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 27 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	East-southeasterly 60mph, up to 70-80mph early in day high tops. Powerful gusts downslope in places. Slightly lower speeds by dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Mobility tortuous on most terrain, likely requires crouching or crawling in strongest gusts. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy hill snow in morning, easing Snow persistent on the high fells, sleet or rain below 400-500m, or higher toward coasts, persistent through the morning, starting to fade afternoon, by this time wetter to higher elevations. Showers into evening.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive Most high terrain shrouded all day, often lowering to middle slopes, particularly south and east where middle or lower slopes may stay shrouded for extended periods. Best of higher breaks in northwest Lakeland.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Visibility often very poor, appalling on high terrain in blowing snow; whiteout in places over tops.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1C lifting to 0 or +1C from south. Feeling like -17 to -20C in strongest wind.
Freezing Level	500-600m; tending to rise variably to 800m, most widely into the afternoon.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 28 January	Thursday 29 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 25 to 35mph, risk stronger gusts around some higher western fells.	Southeasterly 30 to 40mph, stronger gusts in places through elevated passes and downslope west of higher fells.
Effect of wind on you?	Affecting comfortable walking, gusty in places around western fells. Considerable wind chill.	Strenuous walking, challenging where exposed, buffeting gusts not just on the highest terrain. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Locally damp Fine drizzle where in cloud, mainly south Lakes, snow grains some higher tops.	Largely dry Odd light spots or brief flurries mainly eastern fells.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied, breaks north/west Cloud banks lowest and most extensive toward south in morning. Some breaks forming, best toward north/west Lakes.	Capping some tops Cloud banks likely to drift over higher slopes, mostly above 700m, patchier west and northwestwards.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, some glimpses of sun, mainly northwest Lakeland. Visibility good below cloud.	Broken cloud and some weak sun, mainly toward the west, where visibility good. Slight haze possible.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C. Wind chill feeling like -5 to -8C.	0 or -1C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C.
Freezing Level	Near to freezing point over some higher slopes above 800-900m.	600 to 700m.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 28 January, 2026

Strong east or southeasterly winds likely to prevail onward into early February. Scottish mountains are expected stay below freezing in the extended range, fresh heavy snowfalls giving substantial depths and drifts across south and eastern areas, much less snow northwestward. Hills in England and Wales will see varying freezing levels, sub-zero for periods to 600m or lower, but intermittently lifting just above the tops - a mix of rain and upland snowfall. A generally unsettled pattern with Atlantic lows continuing to frequently circulate over Britain on a southerly track, whilst high pressure resides away to the north.

Forecast issued at 16:20 on Monday, 26 January, 2026

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