

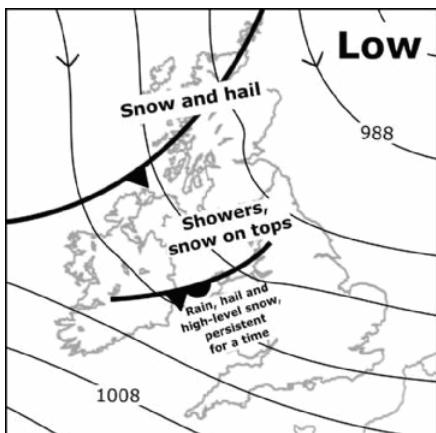
Lake District

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 Monday, 16 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 February, 2026

Snow over northwestern mountains in Scotland will tend to extend further into Lochaber and Cairngorms by afternoon as NW'ly winds strengthen, some hail mixed in. Strong westerlies for England, gale-force on Welsh mountains, heavy showers merging into longer periods rain, snow confined to higher tops.

Headline for Lake District

Blustery and showery, hail or snow on fells.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 16 February, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 20 to 30mph, squally stronger gusts at times in heavier showers; turning more northwesterly up to dusk, increasing a little into evening, risk reaching 40-50mph high tops overnight.
Effect of wind on you?	Feeling blustery with considerable wind chill on higher fells. Gusts affecting balance on exposed tops and ridges at times. Deteriorating into night.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow showers; sometimes frequent Snow and hail showers on fells, sometimes frequent or at times more constant precipitation western Lakeland. Mostly rain below 400-500m. Chance isolated thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive higher areas Cloud base varying, between 400m near precipitation in west, otherwise 600 to occasionally 800m, best breaks in east.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine - mainly lower slopes east Lakes. Very varied visibility; very poor or appalling in snow, but otherwise excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or 1C. Then dropping overnight toward -4C. Daytime wind chill feeling like -7 to -10C on exposed higher areas.
Freezing Level	700 to 800m, briefly slightly higher afternoon. Into night, dropping toward freezing or below at all elevations.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 17 February	Wednesday 18 February
How windy? (On the summits)	Northerly 25 to 30mph early morning, risk stronger up to dawn, but dropping, to N-NE'ly 20mph, or less during afternoon.	Southeasterly 25-35mph, though powerful gusts are likely in high exposure and elevated passes.
Effect of wind on you?	Prepare for considerable wind chill in the morning, blustery conditions for a few hours at least, but improving.	Strenuous-to-arduous walking and significant wind chill; gusts often affecting stability.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation not expected	Precipitation unlikely
Cloud on the hills?	Very little if any	Little or no cloud A few caps may graze the highest fell tops but likely no cloud.
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine. Superb visibility.	Likely sunny but high cloud may increasingly weaken the sun. Very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3C. Early in day, feeling like -10 to -13C directly in the wind, easing.	-2 or -3C. Feeling as cold as -18C in strongest wind.
Freezing Level	400m but most terrain frozen: partial thawing lowest particularly sunlit slopes.	Terrain widely frozen from dawn, some thawing of lower slopes, variably higher to the northwest.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 17 February, 2026

Much terrain frozen into midweek, frost into valleys and glens. Uncertain extent of strengthening winds by Wednesday, and possible snow moving into Wales. Late in the week and through next weekend, a switch to southwesterly winds is expected, bringing a change to milder conditions - lifting above freezing to tops in England and Wales, and generally higher freezing levels in Scotland; periods of thawing likely over the mountains, though some further snowfall at times on higher Munros. Rain most frequent over western hills. Generally windy with upland gales.

Forecast issued at 15:30 on Sunday, 15 February, 2026

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