

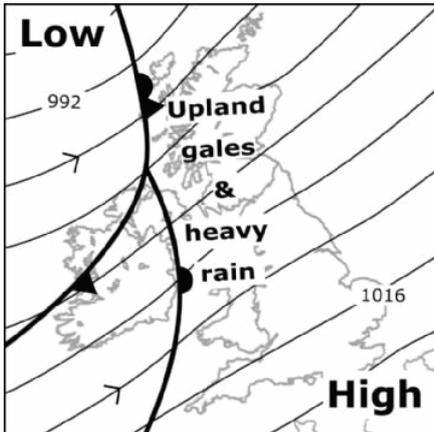
# Lake District

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## General Summary for Thursday, 26 February, 2026



### British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 26 February, 2026

Gale-force southwesterlies, strengthening to be severe on higher mountains. Rain increasingly persistent from the west, some heavier falls setting in for periods combined with lowering cloud over the hills. Near freezing on higher Scottish tops, where some snow falls for a time.

### Headline for Lake District

Upland gales. Rain increasingly persistent, heavy at times.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 26 February, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly, strengthening in morning 40 to 55mph, gusts over 60mph higher fells through middle of day. Then lessening gradually into evening.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Arduous walking all day on the fells, most powerful wind requiring bracing/crouching for stability, on higher exposed terrain gusts may knock you over; significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Showery rain, sets in with time</b> Bands of rain will sweep west-to-east through the day. Dry periods between the pulses in morning, though west and southern fells will stay often wet. More prolonged heavier rain by middle of day into afternoon, then showery later.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Variable, lowest south and west, deteriorating</b> Variable, extensive over high terrain during pulses of rain, bases reaching as low as 400m on western aspects. Higher bases during dry periods, breaks to some summits in the east possible, but widely filling in during rain.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Variable cloud, sometimes brighter skies with glimpses of sun through high cloud in east, but then overcast during rain. Good visibility during rain/fog breaks, but poor where rain sets in.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	4 or 5C. Feeling like -10 to -12C in direct wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 27 February	Saturday 28 February
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	West to northwesterly, speed likely to vary 10 to 25mph, risk increasing northerly late in day possibly to 30mph.  <b>Often fairly small, but possibly more blustery at times with marked wind chill.</b>	South to southwesterly 10-15mph, strengthening to 20-25mph afternoon, later risk 35-40mph by dusk onward.  <b>Small for several hours, becoming more noticeably blustery from west with time, later affecting comfortable walking.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain on and off</b> High uncertainty - risk periods of rain during the day, but equally some drier intervals - may become dry for several hours, then risk rain returns later.	<b>Precipitation unlikely during day</b> Chance of a brief shower toward coast in morning. Well onward into night, rain preceded by hill snow moving in from west.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>   <b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Mostly high terrain</b>  Fairly extensive above 500-600m in the morning, ragged lower patches too from rain. A lifting trend, some breaks possible too, but with a risk of returning extensively again if rain returns.  <b>50%</b>	<b>Mostly little</b>  Patches grazing some higher slopes in morning, likely to lift and largely clear.  <b>80%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy, a veil of high cloud even if skies do brighten for a time. Very good visibility.	Mostly good amounts of sun. Visibility excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	3 or 4C, tending to drop later in day. Feeling like -5C in strongest wind.  Above the summits most likely all day, then likely to drop into night onto higher fells.	1C. As wind increases later, feeling like -7 to -10C where exposed.  800 to 900m, plus slight frost some sheltered lower areas early morning.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 27 February, 2026

A changeable southwesterly regime continues through the weekend into early next week. Colder for a time with a drop of freezing level Friday into Saturday allowing some refreezing of higher mountain terrain mainly in Scotland, the snowpack on high mountains consolidating following recent thawing. Milder air and thawing returns into Sunday, accompanied by rain and upland gales. During next week, higher pressure is expected to develop around the British Isles, bringing quieter weather, drier for most with lighter winds. Some fronts may continue to graze northwest Scotland with rain and stronger winds locally for a few more days. Temperatures tending to be on the milder side during early March, but some frosts into valleys at times.

### Forecast issued at 16:27 on Wednesday, 25 February, 2026

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