









Wind Scale

Look around for these clues to get an idea about how fast the wind is blowing.

Wind Speed	Description	Conditions	You might see...
< 1 mph	Calm	No wind	 smoke rises
1 – 3 mph	Light air	Can feel very slight wind on face	 smoke drifts
4 – 7 mph	Light breeze	Leaves rustle; feel wind on face	
8 – 12 mph	Gentle breeze	Leaves and twigs move	
13 – 18 mph	Moderate breeze	Leaves, twigs, AND small branches move	
19-24 mph	Fresh breeze	Small trees sway	
25-31 mph	Strong breeze	Large branches begin to move	
32 – 38 mph	Very strong breeze	Whole trees in motion; can feel wind push against your body	
39 – 46 mph	Gale	Twigs break off; difficult to walk	