

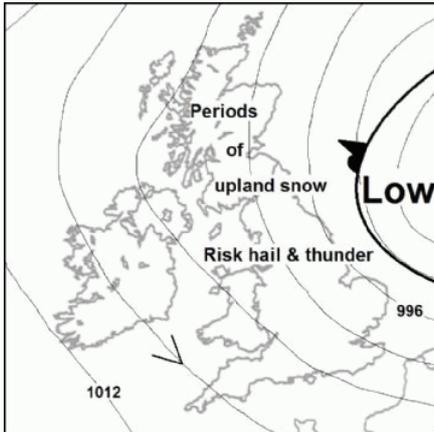
Lake District

The entire Lake District National Park, taking in all major summits, including Scafell, Helvellyn, Skiddaw, the Langdales and Old Man of Coniston. Also includes the Howgill Fells east of Kendal (the NW extension of Yorks Dales).



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General Summary for Tuesday, 4 May, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 4 May, 2021

Very cold; widely sub-zero on higher slopes. Gales for England & Wales in morning, lessening gradually. Areas of near-constant precipitation for a few hours, snow to low elevations at times. Heavy bursts, hail & thunder. Showers becoming scattered in the Highlands.

Headline for Lake District

Very cold for May. Hail and upland snow, heavy bursts setting in.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 4 May, 2021

How windy? (On the summits)	North or northwesterly; post dawn 40 to 50mph. Will drop progressively to 20-25mph by mid afternoon, sometimes less.
Effect of wind on you?	Sudden buffeting at times - widely after dawn - but otherwise gustiness mostly confined to near precipitation. Significant wind chill, especially morning.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy bursts setting in afternoon, snow & hail; risk thunder. Areas of snow across the fells in the morning, fading for a time. Showers with hail and snow forming increasingly through middle of day, merging into constant heavy precipitation into late afternoon. Rain lower slopes. Risk isolated thunder. Some streams in spate following Monday's rain. Icy highest terrain.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive on higher slopes in precipitation Covering many fells from dawn, cloud bases lifting in morning, generally becoming confined to high tops. However, where precipitation sets in, cloud forming extensively, with patches below 600m for periods.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine. Abruptly varying visibility: the air generally very clear but very poor in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0C, rising a degree or so by afternoon. Wind chill feeling as cold as -15C in morning, -8C by afternoon.
Freezing Level	750m; marginal rise through the day, but lowering temporarily in showers.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 5 May	Thursday 6 May
How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly, 15 to 20mph, tending to increase a little; gusty near precipitation.	Northwesterly 15 to 25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but noticeable gusts near showers. Feeling distinctly chilly for May where exposed on tops.	Remaining notably chilly where exposed on higher terrain, occasional sudden gusts around showers.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Hail and snow showers, some heavy Hail and snow showers, mainly from late morning onwards eastern fells. Risk thunder.	Hail showers forming Many hours may escape dry, but a risk of showers breaking out mainly afternoon with hail. Chance of showers clustering together for a few hours later in the day. Local heavy bursts, isolated thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Summits frequently cloud free Summits often cloud free, but patches forming 600m upwards near precipitation, most common north & western fells.	Often above hills Many summits often clear, but patches will form around showers, locally below 600m for a time. If precipitation becomes frequent, cloud forming more extensively.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, mainly morning - although west Cumbria may well remain fairly sunny afternoon. Frequently excellent or superb visibility but abruptly very poor in snow.	Occasional sun. The air very clear, but visibility very poor periodically in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-2C rising to 0 or 1C during the day.	-1C rising toward 2C by afternoon.
Freezing Level	Most terrain at least partly frozen at dawn. By early afternoon freezing level typically 800m.	Frost widely from dawn. Rising just above freezing to highest tops.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 5 May, 2021**

Staying remarkably cold for early May, quite possibly into next week in Scotland, whilst some milder air is likely to move across England & Wales from the south by this weekend. Freezing levels often near 900m, and widely frosty lower areas overnight. Areas of hail and snow showers, some heavy with thunder, most widespread in the afternoons.

Another deep Atlantic low is due to move in from the southwest toward the weekend - a threat of widespread upland gales, heavy rain, and further snow some areas.

Forecast issued at 16:50 on Monday, 3 May, 2021

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