

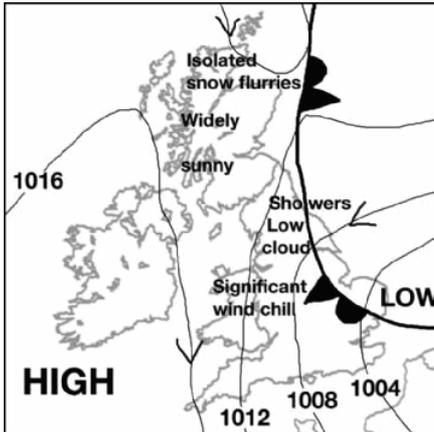
Lake District

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 Sunday, 5 December, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 5 December, 2021

Mostly fine across many mountain areas, but cold in the brisk northerly winds, strongest across England and Wales. Extensive sunshine across many western areas. A few snow showers N England with areas of low cloud here, but any showers elsewhere largely fading.

Headline for Lake District

Cold winds, a few flurries in the east with patchy hill fog. Clearer in west.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 5 December, 2021

How windy? (On the summits)	North later northeasterly, around 25 to 35mph in morning, risk 40mph for a time, but speeds will lessen gradually from west into afternoon. Dropping out after dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable buffeting and significant wind chill in morning, then will ease from west into the afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk local snow flurries Most of the day often dry. However, local snow showers or flurries may affect east and northeastern fells at times, most likely in the morning.
Cloud on the hills?	Risk locally stubborn cloud banks Banks of cloud focused on fells in north and east from Skiddaw to Helvellyn and High Street group, may linger, although some breaks forming. Further south and west, expect any cloud cover to break up and clear.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40% in north/east, 70% in south/west.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Variable cloud and sun, chance of sun developing fairly widely. Visibility mostly very good or excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1C, but feeling more like sub -10C in direct exposure to strongest winds in morning. Easing thereafter.
Freezing Level	Around 600m, perhaps rising a little; some lower terrain may be frozen early morning.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Monday 6 December	Tuesday 7 December
How windy? (On the summits)	South veering westerly, often in the range 30 to 50mph, perhaps a brief lull.	Westerly 10 to 20mph soon southeasterly, with significant increase in the afternoon to reach 45 to 60mph by before dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Expect frequent buffeting across the hills, sometimes arduous walking conditions with significant wind chill.	Mostly small from dawn, but walking becoming difficult/very difficult afternoon; ferocious gusts running downslope.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow, later showers with hail A period of snowfall is likely for a few hours, falling to lower slopes for a time, becoming gradually sleet or rain lower down from the west. Followed by clusters of showers, some heavy with hail.	Increasing risk of snow arriving afternoon. After a dry morning, increasing risk through the afternoon of snow setting in from the southwest, arriving across all parts by dusk. Periods of whiteout.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive Shrouding the fells most or all day, extensively during snow, to lower slopes in places. Bases may slowly rise from the west into the afternoon, then varied in and out of showers.	Increasingly extensive as snow develops. After a clear morning, increasing risk through afternoon as snow develops of low cloud becoming widely extensive across the fells.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	70% morning, lowering to 20% in snow.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief if any sun. Visibility very poor during precipitation, appalling if in snow and cloud, brief improvements lower terrain.	Some weak sun through high cloud at first, but soon becoming overcast. Visibility very good, but as snow arrives becoming widely very poor.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3C tending to rise slowly to -1C.	-1 or -2C
Freezing Level	Much terrain frozen following overnight frost. Becoming 200-400m, rising slowly to 600m or just above from west.	400-600m, but widespread frost at dawn. May lower further in precipitation toward dusk.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 6 December, 2021

Most mountain terrain is likely to stay frozen throughout the week ahead. Sometimes freezing conditions to lower slopes, although some day-to-day variations. Wind speed and direction will vary considerably, intermittent lulls, but then a deep low is expected to affect Britain by Tuesday-Wednesday, bringing stormy conditions, perhaps widely. Further lows are likely to follow later in the week. Extensive snowfalls possible on the hills, a mix of snow and rain lower down.

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