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Lake District

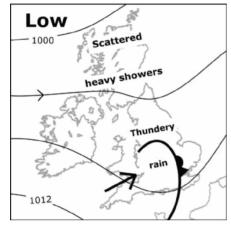
The entire Lake District National Park, taking in all major summits, including Scafell, Helvellyn, Skiddaw, the Langdales and Old Man of Coniston.





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General Summary for Thursday, 4 September, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 4 September, 2025

Showery southwesterlies across Scotland, local heavy bursts forming and moving further eastwards through the afternoon. Showers too for northern England, but a cluster of more prolonged heavy and thundery rain affects Wales in the morning, soon also Peak District, clearing to scattered showers.

Headline for Lake District

Some heavy showers moving east. Breeze freshens.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 4 September, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 15-20mph, shifting westerly later in the day and tending to increase a little to 20-25mph. Gusty around showers.		
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small most of the day, may start to feel more noticeable on exposed terrain later.		
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, brief heavy bursts Local clusters of showers from dawn into morning, mainly in west, then scattered showers widely into middle of day, brief heavy bursts tending to drift away east through afternoon, but some showers remain.		
Cloud on the hills?	Variable; highest fells only briefly clear From dawn, fairly extensive on high and western fells - more broken and higher bases east, though many tops in cloud. Tending to lift and break to many tops, a few breaks to highest tops possible but brief. Variable patches will return during and after rain.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, most frequent east. Increasingly cloudy afternoon. Very good visibility away from rain.		
How Cold? (at 750m)	8 or 9C. Feeling near freezing in strongest wind.		
Freezing Level	Above the summits		

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Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 5 September	Saturday 6 September
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly 20-25mph, risk 30mph around dawn. Trending southwesterly later with stronger gusts over tops. Fairly small at times, though comfort of walking and stability affected on exposed tops/ridges. Feeling cool.	South turning southeasterly, 20 to 30mph, tending to increase, becoming gusty 35mph around western fells later. Blustery over higher fells, increasing buffeting gusts in places on tops and through elevated passes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little rain expected A few spots of drizzly rain here and there, most likely western fells from Pillar to Coniston. Amounting to little.	Rain unlikely
Cloud on the hills?	Patchy fog on high terrain	Some early cloud, clearing
	Fog across much high terrain from dawn with lower banks on western fells. Bases lift and cloud tends to breaks through morning, exposing many tops, though patches come and go above 700-800m over western fells.	Banks of cloud around slopes at varied heights early morning, some fog at dawn inland valleys. Patchy cloud may cling to hills in south Lakes for a few hours, but lifting to upper slopes then largely dispersing.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50% rising to 70% inland/east/north.	50% rising to 90% by late morning.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, most frequent east of Helvellyn in morning, clouding over. Very good visibility, though at times reduced in drizzle on west fells.	Periods of sun, some high cloud at times covering the sky. Visibility very good.
How Cold? (at 750m)	8C rising to 10C afternoon. Feeling near freezing in exposure to wind on highest summits.	9C rising to 13C afternoon-evening, but offset by increasing wind chill, feeling like 3 to 5C in exposure on tops.
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 5 September, 2025

A brief settled spell on Friday and Saturday as weak high pressure brings drier, warmer conditions, though likely quite cloudy. Southerly winds increase in western regions on Saturday, ahead of a rain system arriving into Sunday. Low pressure then continues to dominate for the foreseeable future, maintaining unsettled conditions widely next week. Expect areas of rain and heavy showers, risk of hail and thunder. A steady westerly wind establishes, bringing frequent cloudy, showery conditions to western areas with fronts coming and going. Eastern areas will see occasional brief dry and clear periods.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Wednesday, 3 September, 2025

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