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# **Lake District**

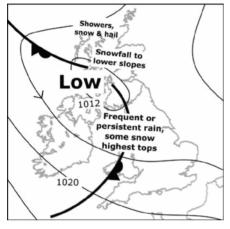
The entire Lake District National Park, taking in all major summits, including Scafell, Helvellyn, Skiddaw, the Langdales and Old Man of Coniston.





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## General Summary for Tuesday, 18 November, 2025



# British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 18 November, 2025

Extensive snow Scottish Highlands, falling to lower elevations inland, later showers of snow & hail in north/west. Wind varied in Scotland, then strengthening northerlies. Rain and some snow over higher tops England and Wales plus westerlies up to gale force. Cloud covering most higher terrain.

#### **Headline for Lake District**

Windy. Often heavy rain, some snow on tops in morning.

# Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 18 November, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Generally westerly 25-35mph, though may vary through the day, but risk often 40mph around Scafell group, at times more widely over higher tops. After dark, switching northerly after a brief lull in evening, then 30-40mph into night.		
Effect of wind on you?	Comfortable walking affected much of the day, often more arduous conditions in exposure on high terrain, significant wind chill on the tops.		
How wet?	Rain sets in, frequently heavy; early snow higher fells		
(Precipitation and its impact)	Rain with snow briefly above 600m soon spreads widely across all hills from dawn. The snow level will rise to higher ground or rain up to highest summits with time. Some heavy bursts especially toward coast, risk hail. A few drier periods afternoon but these brief.		
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive		
	Extensive cloud above 600m likely all day; briefly starts higher on eastern fells, though summits likely shrouded. Some variability in bases as periods of heavier precipitation come and go.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast with very poor visibility, particularly at first in snow on high fells.		
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 to +2C, warmest around midday; into night dropping to -3C. Feeling like -10C in direct wind, then into night -15C.		
Freezing Level	700-800m at dawn, plus slight frost some inland valleys. Rising to the high summits or just above in middle of day, lowering from dusk, into night to 300-400m.		

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#### **Lake District - Looking Ahead**

	Wednesday 19 November	Thursday 20 November
How windy? (On the summits)  Effect of wind on you?	Northerly 25 to 35mph, possibly stronger early morning.  Starting to affect comfortable walking on some exposed terrain, significant wind chill.	Northerly 30 to 40mph, risk at times 50mph higher fells; tending to ease slightly during day.  Challenging walking conditions, frequent buffeting, significant wind chill, possibly severe higher tops.
How wet?	Precipitation unlikely	Rare snow flurries
(Precipitation and its impact)	Small chance of an isolated snow flurry.	Risk of occasional snow flurries coming in from the northeast, but most of the day likely dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any	Little if any
	Some fragments occasionally around some higher slopes, mainly north-facing fells, but most areas clear.	Patchy cloud may sometimes drift onto tops in north/northeast Lakes, fragments possible elsewhere, but many fells remain often clear.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally sunny. Visibility excellent.	Generally sunny, some patchy cloud may drift in from northeast. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-2C. Wind chill feeling like -15C in stronger speeds.	-2C. Wind chill feeling like -15C, risk near -20C on highest tops in stronger speeds.
Freezing Level	Much terrain frozen from valleys upward, slight rise above freezing lower elevations, up to 400-600m, highest near	Terrain widely frozen from valleys upward, only partial thawing lowest sunlit slopes, up to 400-500m nearest coasts.

### **Planning Outlook**

#### All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 19 November, 2025

Snow lying most widely in Scottish Highlands, to lower slopes inland, some high tops elsewhere into midweek. Strong to gale force northerlies Wednesday-Thursday, bringing snow and hail showers focused on northern Scotland and onto north-facing coastal districts elsewhere. Sunnier from central Scotland southward through northern England. By Friday into next weekend, winds shift back westerly and freezing levels rise to upper slopes - some rain likely, snow on high tops at times.

#### Forecast issued at 16:00 on Monday, 17 November, 2025

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