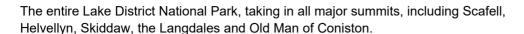
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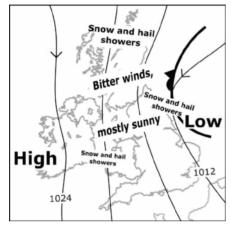






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General Summary for Thursday, 20 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 20 November, 2025

Staying cold as northerly winds continue, speeds starting to lessen gradually Scotland. Snow/hail showers in N Scotland, slowly fading. Showers also Cheviots, locally N/W Wales. Mostly sunny elsewhere. All terrain frozen; extensive snow cover over mountains, most substantial NW Highlands & Cairngorms.

Headline for Lake District

Bitter wind, up to gale force tops. Sunshine and clear air.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 20 November, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Northerly 30 to 40mph, risk gusts 50mph higher fells in morning; tending to ease slightly during day.	
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging walking conditions, frequent buffeting, significant wind chill, in places severe higher tops.	
How wet?	Rare if any snow flurries	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Risk of local snow flurries coming in from the northeast in afternoon, but most of the day likely dry.	
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any	
	Patchy cloud may sometimes drift onto tops in north/northeast Lakes, fragments possible elsewhere, but many fells remain largely clear.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally sunny, some patchy cloud may drift in from northeast. Visibility excellent.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	-2C. Wind chill feeling like -15C, near -20C on highest tops in stronger speeds.	
Freezing Level	Terrain widely frozen from valleys upward, only partial thawing lowest sunlit slopes, up to 400-500m nearest coasts.	

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Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 21 November	Saturday 22 November
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	West later southwesterly, strengthening during daytime from 15mph to by dusk 30mph, into evening 40mph. Fairly small morning, but expect increasing wind chill to develop, conditions likely deteriorating into evening.	Southwesterly 40mph at or before dawn, soon easing to 20-25mph. May become more variable late in the day. Feeling noticeably breezy with marked wind chill on exposed higher terrain, possibly more challenging at first.
How wet?	Precipitation unlikely until night	Small amounts light rain
(Precipitation and its impact)	Most likely all daytime dry. Into night, rain developing from west, snow on higher terrain for a time.	Remnants of overnight rain likely clears from dawn into early morning, then often dry, but a little drizzle on coastal fells, locally an odd light shower. Wet underfoot from overnight rain and snow melt. Rain may return into night.
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any	Fairly extensive, lowest southwest
	Hills widely clear possibly all day. During afternoon, some patches may form on slopes near coast.	Varied low cloud banks from dawn into morning, slowly lifting above 600m, some higher breaks mostly northern areas, but likely to persist to 400-500m Coniston to areas south from Scafell.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun through high cloud, tending to thicken from west, may become obscured later. Visibility excellent, possible mist or haze in some valleys.	Rare glimpses of sun mostly north Lakes. Misty areas which may persist toward south and southwest, otherwise visibility becoming good below cloud.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1C, lifting just above 0C afternoon especially coasts; then +1 or 2C into night.	2 or 3C. Feeling like -5C in exposure to wind, or nearer -10C up to dawn.
Freezing Level	Much terrain frozen all day inland to lower slopes, rising to 700-800m near coast, then into night widely to upper slopes.	Above the summits, but higher terrain at least partly frozen.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 21 November, 2025

Winter conditions over the mountains - snow coverage to lower slopes in Scotland, snow and ice cover varied for England & Wales, but much terrain frozen; hard frost into inland valleys and glens into Friday. A front moving into Scotland from the west on Friday brings gales and snow, turning to rain lower down - arriving in England & Wales Friday evening-night. Less cold into the weekend, but higher mountains stay near or just below freezing, particularly Scotland; showers or locally more frequent upland snow over several days forward. Later next week looks at least briefly milder.

Forecast issued at 15:00 on Wednesday, 19 November, 2025

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