

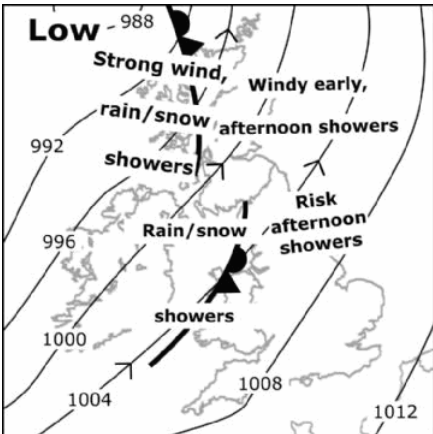
Lake District

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 Wednesday, 3 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 3 December, 2025

Widely breezy, strongest northern England and Scotland, early gales over high Munros; easing but staying blustery northwest Scotland. Showery rain onto west coast slopes down to Wales (snow on high terrain) most of the day, some reaching further east afternoon. Greatest chance of dry weather south Pennines.

Headline for Lake District
Blustery in exposure; showery rain, mostly south/west

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 3 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	South-southwesterly 25-30mph from dawn rising to a gusty 35-40mph for several hours, risk stronger over high tops. Turning southwesterly afternoon and returning to 25-30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous-to-arduous walking in exposure early in the day; stability may require bracing a times. Effects easing, though winds likely stay uncomfortable. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, most south and west Frequent showers from Coniston to Pillar likely all day, a few reaching Ambleside. More scattered to the north and east, though showers may reach more widely for a time afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive high fells, low banks south/west Extensive over the high fells with banks down to 500-600m on south and western slopes. Higher bases near Helvellyn and Blencathra groups, though some variability and perhaps more extensive at times.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%; 40% Blencathra group
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun on the northern fells, best early, trending towards widely overcast. Very good visibility away from showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1 or 2C, may locally warm a degree. Feeling like -10C in direct wind.
Freezing Level	At or just above the highest tops at dawn, lifting higher.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 4 December	Friday 5 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southeasterly 35-45mph pre-dawn, soon W'ly 20-25mph, though speed and direction variable. Challenging balance on exposed summits early in the day with significant wind chill. Easing to fairly small effects afternoon.	Southerly 25-35mph, trending southeasterly and rising towards 40mph, further deteriorating into night. Comfortable walking affected from dawn, increasingly strenuous with buffeting gusts in exposure. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, mostly south and west Rain at and before dawn breaks into showers, increasingly isolated to the south and western fells as the day goes. Falling as snow on the highest fells.	Patchy showery rain, widespread later Patchy showery rain/sleet drifts inland from the Irish Sea, mostly south and west fells but sometimes drifting more widely. Rain arrives more widely later afternoon and into night, persistent and heavy for a few hours.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Fairly extensive, improvements north/east Extensive early with bases as low as 400m south and west fells. Bases will tend to lift, though many hills remain shrouded above 600-700m, lowest bases always near Irish Sea. Best chance of higher breaks near Helvellyn. 20%	High terrain early, increasingly extensive A layer of cloud likely shrouds high terrain all day with banks to many middle slopes, lowest from Coniston to Helvellyn at first. A lowering trend more widely afternoon. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little sun expected. Visibility variable; excellent where out of cloud and rain.	Overcast. Variable visibility in and out of rain, at times very good.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	1 or 2C. Feeling like -10C in direct wind early in the day. Lowering onto the high fells early in the day; some variability.	1 or 2C from dawn, rising a degree afternoon, continuing to rise overnight. Feeling like -12C in the wind. Variable between 600-800m. Rapidly rising from dusk into night.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 4 December, 2025

Low pressure circulating to the west and north will dominate the weather for the next 7 to 10 days, bringing generally unsettled weather. A brief period of slack pressure on Thursday into Friday will ease winds for a time though patchy rain will linger in several areas. Strong southwesterly winds return over the weekend bringing cloud and rain to many mountains, most persistent on southwestern slopes. Temperatures and freezing level will vary, but staying chilly with highest terrain likely near or below 0C. Several low pressure systems with then pass through next week, bringing frequent periods of cloud, rain, and strong wind, likely gale force on high terrain at times. Occasional windows of dry, brighter weather will occur, best chance east.

Forecast issued at 16:10 on Tuesday, 2 December, 2025

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