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Lake District

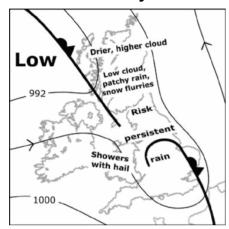
The entire Lake District National Park, taking in all major summits, including Scafell, Helvellyn, Skiddaw, the Langdales and Old Man of Coniston.





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General Summary for Thursday, 4 December, 2025



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

A complex weather situation with areas of frequent or persistent rain and hill snow, focused from the southern Highlands to northern England; often strong SE'ly winds. Further north in the Highlands, generally drier with higher cloud breaks. In Wales, becoming showery westerlies with risk of hail.

Headline for Lake District

Strong winds ease. Rain and low cloud may persist.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 4 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 35-45mph pre-dawn, tending to ease, uncertainty, but may drop light and variable into afternoon, though later risk quick increase westerly 30mph.		
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging balance on exposed summits early in the day with significant wind chill. Easing to fairly small effects afternoon.		
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Persistent rain, some upland snow Rain fairly persistent throughout the day, possibly heavy for spells, mainly southern areas, falling as sleet or snow on higher fells at times, possibly more widely snow above 700m later in day.		
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Fairly extensive, lowest south Many hills remain shrouded all day above 600-700m, or to some lower slopes typically southern areas. Some variable breaks may occur northwards. 20%		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Poor visibility if rain persists, locally better lower northern areas at times.		
How Cold? (at 750m)	1 or 2C. Feeling like -10C in direct wind early in the day.		
Freezing Level	Lowering onto the high fells early in the day; some variability.		

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Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 5 December	Saturday 6 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 25-35mph, trending southeasterly and rising towards 40mph, further deteriorating into night.	South to southwesterly 20 to 30mph, may strengthen further later.
Effect of wind on you?	Comfortable walking affected from dawn, increasingly strenuous with buffeting gusts in exposure. Significant wind chill.	Feeling blustery over higher exposed terrain, risk of becoming more challenging walking conditions.
How wet?	Patchy showery rain, widespread later	Often raining, some heavier
(Precipitation and its impact)	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.	Rain on and off at least, a mix of steady rain and frequent drizzle, some showery pulses moving inland from coasts.
Cloud on the hills?	High terrain early, increasingly extensive	Extensive, lowest south/west
	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.	Likely to blanket the fells all day, fairly extensive from mid-slopes upward south and west Lakeland, some banks to lower slopes. Highest bases north/east of Helvellyn group, breaks above 600m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast. Variable visibility in and out of rain, at times very good.	Sun unlikely, visibility poor in cloud and rain, locally better lower fells north Lakes.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1 or 2C from dawn, rising a degree afternoon, continuing to rise overnight. Feeling like -12C in the wind.	5C. Wind chill feeling like -5C in stronger speeds on tops.
Freezing Level	Variable between 600-800m. Rapidly rising from dusk into night.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

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

Generally unsettled through the weekend and into next week with areas of low pressure circulating near to the British Isles. Temperatures often near to freezing point on higher Scottish mountains, at times on tops elsewhere, though some thawing will occur periodically even to high tops in the Highlands. A complex series of frontal systems bringing spells of rain and some upland snow, mixed with showers with hail mostly near western coasts. Wind speeds will also vary, often south to southwesterlies, at times reaching gale force on tops, but intermittent lulls.

Forecast issued at 7:15 on Thursday, 4 December, 2025

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