

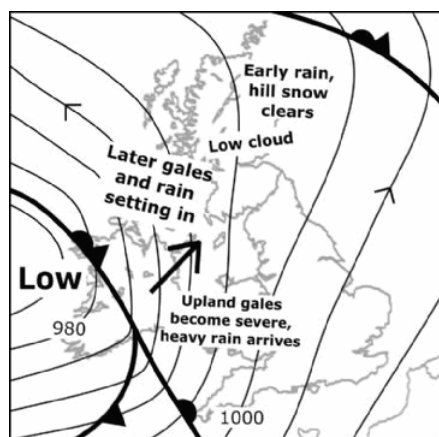
# Lake District

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 Friday, 5 December, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 5 December, 2025

South-southeasterly winds strengthen, reaching gale-force afternoon many areas, sooner Wales, here becoming severe. Some rain / hill snow NE Scotland fades, patchy rain west coasts, otherwise dry, then rain sweeps in from southwest later, snow inland mountains into evening. Best cloud breaks NW Scotland.

### Headline for Lake District

Windy, gales later severe. A little rain, sets in later.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 5 December, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southerly 25-35mph, trending southeasterly and rising towards 40-50mph during afternoon, further deteriorating soon after dark to 60mph. Then starting to drop further into night.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Comfortable walking affected from dawn, increasingly strenuous with buffeting gusts in exposure, deteriorating to become difficult dusk onward. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain locally west, then sets in widely later</b> Patchy showery rain drifts inland from the Irish Sea, mostly south and west fells in morning, sleet highest summits. Rain arrives more widely later afternoon and into night, persistent and heavy for a few hours.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Varied, most persistent south</b> A layer of cloud likely shrouds high terrain all day with banks to many middle slopes, lowest from Coniston group to areas south from Helvellyn at first. Some breaks toward upper slopes north. Lowering widely in rain later.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>20%, to 40% north.</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, some brighter skies in morning north Lakes, but high cloud thickening. Variable visibility in and out of rain, at times very good, mainly northern areas.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	1 or 2C from dawn, rising a degree afternoon, continuing to rise overnight. Feeling like -10C in the wind, colder as speeds increase up to dusk.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Variable between 600-800m. Rapidly rising from dusk into night.

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 6 December	Sunday 7 December
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	South to southwesterly 20 to 30mph, may strengthen further later.  <b>Feeling blustery over higher exposed terrain, risk of becoming more challenging walking conditions.</b>	Very uncertain speeds: South turning southwesterly, 20 to 30mph, but risk increasing to 40mph+.  <b>Expect blustery conditions, beware potential for more arduous conditions for much of the day.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Often raining, some heavier</b> Rain on and off at least, a mix of steady rain and frequent drizzle, some showery pulses moving inland from coasts.	<b>Possible spell of heavy rain</b> Risk setting in for steady or heavy rain for a few hours. Chance of only small patchy amounts.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>      <b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Extensive, lowest south/west</b>  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.  <b>20%</b>	<b>Extensive</b>  Shrouding the fells widely, with banks of cloud from low to mid elevations upward, particularly southern areas.  <b>10%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun unlikely, visibility poor in cloud and rain, locally better lower fells north Lakes.	Generally cloudy and misty, poor visibility likely most hills, locally better north Lakes.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	5C. Wind chill feeling like -5C in stronger speeds on tops. Above the summits.	5C, small variation with added height. Feeling like -5C or possibly colder if exposed to stronger wind. Above the summits.

## Planning Outlook

## All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 6 December, 2025

Generally unsettled through the weekend and into next week with areas of low pressure circulating near to the British Isles. Day-to-day detail will be uncertain even in short-range as complex systems move around slowly - a series of frontal systems bringing spells of rain and some high-level snow, mixed with showers with hail mostly near western coasts. Temperatures often on the milder side compared to recently, with typically only higher tops in the Highlands intermittently just below freezing point, expect periods of thawing up to these tops. Wind speeds will also vary, often south to southwesterlies, at times reaching gale force on tops, but intermittent lulls.

## Forecast issued at 15:25 on Thursday, 4 December, 2025

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