

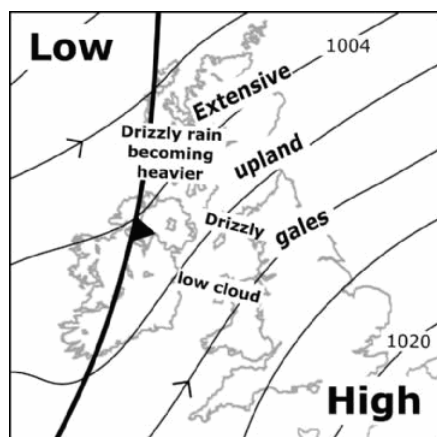
Lake District

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, 11 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 December, 2025

Gale force winds across most hills and mountains, severe gales high Scottish tops particularly morning in west, powerful gusts downslope in places. Low cloud and some drizzly rain west, mostly dry east/northeast. More persistent rain develops for western Scotland afternoon onward.

Headline for Lake District

Upland gales. Light rain / drizzle, low cloud SW, better NE.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 11 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	South-southwesterly 40 to 50mph, up to 60mph for periods higher fells.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging walking conditions, remaining difficult over higher tops, some strong gusts downslope. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Damp mostly toward southwest Lakes Pockets of drizzle mostly on southwestern fells, rare spots in the wind elsewhere. Rain then develops from west later evening into night.
Cloud on the hills?	Most persistent south, breaks north Banks of low cloud likely to cling around southern Lakeland much of the day. Higher and more broken cloud northward, some tops here clearing for periods.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% south, 60% north.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mostly north Lakes. Hazy or misty toward south, otherwise good visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	4C, slight drop into night Feeling like -7 to -10C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 12 December	Saturday 13 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly 15-20mph, though much stronger pre-dawn. Trending southwesterly and strengthening, Often fairly small in morning but winds feeling increasingly uncomfortable and cool in exposure.	Southwesterly, strengthening during daytime from 30-40mph to 50-60mph, risk stronger gusts toward evening. Challenging conditions from mid-elevations upward, increasingly any mobility difficult on higher terrain; significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Substantially dry during daylight Odd showers drift onto western and southern fells during the day. Showers increase in frequency and intensity from dusk.	Small amounts rain, heavier later Patchy spots of rain or drizzle, may be persistently damp southern areas, though total rainfall small. Later in day, increasing risk more persistent steady then heavier rain.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Mostly high and western fells Good breaks just around dawn, but many high fells often capped in cloud. Highest bases near Helvellyn/Blencathra with a chance of breaks to summits. Cloud more persistent on western slopes with lowering bases in showers. 30%	Most persistent southwest Varied banks of cloud, but may linger over south and southwestern Lakeland fells, to some mid-slopes near coasts. Higher base northward, some breaks above 600-700m. Lowering widely later in rain. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine on lower slopes, best in the east. Very clear air at first but becoming hazy.	Largely cloudy, high cloud thickening. Hazy south, visibility reduced in rain, but more often good further north.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	3C, a degree warmer pre-dawn. Feeling like -8C where exposed to wind. Above the summits	2C rising steadily to later reach 5C. Wind chill feeling around -10C. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 12 December, 2025

Staying unsettled into the weekend and beyond as southwesterly winds prevail and low pressure systems pass to the northwest of Scotland; sustained gales over the mountains, severe or stormy for periods. Temperatures only just below freezing intermittently on higher Scottish tops, even here will experience spells above freezing with thawing, any lying snow patchy, but beware some icy surfaces on the very highest tops where some refreezing occurs. Rainfall will be frequent and heavy for periods, sometimes showery with hail. Expect very wet ground conditions and further flooding of streams and some rivers.

Forecast issued at 16:27 on Wednesday, 10 December, 2025

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