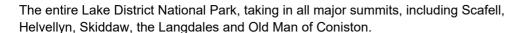
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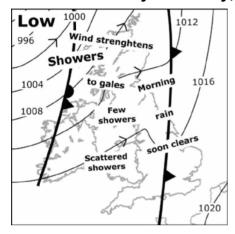






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General Summary for Friday, 12 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 12 December, 2025

Increasingly blustery north England and Scotland, gales over Scottish Highlands; lighter wind Pennines and Wales. Early patchy rain over east Scotland and the Pennines soon clears, slowest south Pennines; many hills then cloud-free. Scattered showers onto west coasts, most frequent and heavy west-central Scotland.

Headline for Lake District

Odd showers west and south; light winds early, strengthening

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 12 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	At dawn, westerly 15mph or less, though much stronger pre-dawn. Trending southwesterly and strengthening, around 35mph over summits by dusk.		
Effect of wind on you?	Small in the morning (though notable effects pre-dawn) feeling increasingly uncomfortable and cool in exposure, walking turning strenuous in exposure by dusk.		
How wet? (Precipitation and its	Substantially dry during daylight Rain from overnight but likely dry by sunrise. Odd showers drift onto western and		
impact)	southern fells during the day. Periods of increased frequency and intensity from dusk.		
Cloud on the hills?	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.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%, up to 50% east summits		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below	Patchy sunshine on lower slopes, best in the east. Lingering high cloud likely weakens sunshine.		
cloud)	Very clear air at first but becoming hazy afternoon.		
How Cold? (at 750m)	3 or 4C.		
	Feeling like -8C later where exposed to wind.		
Freezing Level	Above the summits		

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Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 13 December	Sunday 14 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly, strengthening daytime from 35-45mph to 50-60mph, risk stronger gusts toward evening.	A gusty southwesterly, sustained winds between 45-55mph, may strengthen further. Gusts to middle slopes.
Effect of wind on you?	Increasingly challenging from mid-elevations up, mobility becomes difficult on higher terrain; significant wind chill.	Strong gusty winds will challenge balance and stability all day, including less exposed slopes. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Small amounts of rain, more later	Mostly western fells, intermittent east
(Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy spots of rain or drizzle, may be persistently damp southern areas, though total rainfall small. Later in day, increasing risk more frequent in these areas, more widely into night.	Persistent drizzly rain from near Pillar to Coniston; heavier falls possible, which may be prolonged. Rain more intermittent elsewhere.
Cloud on the hills?	Most persistent southwest	Extensive
	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, perhaps some exposed tops for a time. Lowering widely later in rain.	Blanket cloud shrouds most fells above 700m. Lower on west and south fells, often down to 400m or lower in rain. Bases always higher Dale Head to Blencathra group, though lower banks may form here at times too.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Early glimpses of sun but high cloud thickening, becoming largely cloudy. Hazy south, visibility reduced in rain, but more often good further north.	Sunshine unlikely, often dull west where visibility poor. Very good visibility during clear periods east.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C rising steadily to later reach 5C, warming another degree overnight. Wind chill feeling around -10C.	7 or 8C. Little change with height. Feeling like -5C in direct wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 13 December, 2025

Staying unsettled through the weekend and next week as southwesterly winds prevail and low pressure systems pass to the northwest of Scotland; sustained gales over the mountains, severe or stormy for periods. Rainfall will be frequent and heavy for periods, sometimes showery with hail in the west. Expect very wet ground conditions and further flooding of streams and some rivers. Best chance for dry and bright periods central and south Pennines, though these fleeting. Mild for the time of year, 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.

Forecast issued at 15:43 on Thursday, 11 December, 2025

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