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Lake District

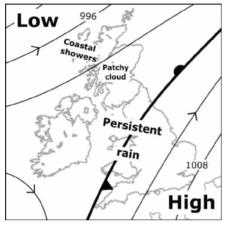
The entire Lake District National Park, taking in all major summits, including Scafell, Helvellyn, Skiddaw, the Langdales and Old Man of Coniston.





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General Summary for Monday, 15 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 15 December, 2025

A slow-moving area of rain affects England and Wales, heavy falls over south-facing hills, flooding likely. Drier for much of Scotland, though some showers affect the west coast; beware flooding after previous rain. Back just below freezing over higher Munros, some icy surfaces on tops.

Headline for Lake District

Rain and low cloud, better northwest, wind soon mostly light.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 15 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 20-25mph at first, stronger pre-dawn, tending to ease to 10-15mph and become variable during the day.	
Effect of wind on you?	Uncomfortable gusty winds early ease to fairly small effects.	
How wet?	Rain most persistent southeast; flooding	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent or persistent rain most of the day from Coniston to Helvellyn. Patches will drift further north. Least rain west and northwest, possibly more often dry here. Fading more widely into evening. Very wet underfoot from previous rain, streams in spate or flood.	
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, lowest south	
	A blanket of cloud shrouds most fells from middle slopes up most or all day, lowest south and western Lakeland. Some higher breaks possible northwards, best away from rain in northwest areas.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	10% south, to 40% northwest Lakes	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, a veil of high cloud, dull in rain, locally brighter north. Visibility poor in rain, better northwest.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	4 or 5C.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits	

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Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 16 December	Wednesday 17 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	West to southwesterly 15 to 20mph, at times 25mph higher fells. Fairly small, blustery in places in exposure and feeling chilly over higher terrain.	South-southwesterly 45 to 60mph, powerful gusts in places downslope to north of higher fells. Challenging conditions over the fells, walking difficult in places higher up, sudden buffeting to some mid-slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry Chance of an odd light shower mainly near to the coast. Very wet underfoot following previous heavy rain, streams in spate, flooding.	Rain most of day, often heavy Rain soon setting in from dawn, persistent widely much of the day, heaviest south and western fells. Breaking up into showers into the evening. Renewed flooding likely.
Cloud on the hills?	Patchy cloud mostly west Patchy cloud banks most common on fells toward western Lakeland, may linger in places above 600m. Some local fog lower down in morning. More breaks likely to tops eastern and far eastern fells.	Extensive Shrouding the fells widely all day, from mid-to-lower slopes west and southern areas, but rarely above higher tops even in north Lakes.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun and thin high cloud. Visibility excellent out of cloud.	Overcast and murky.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C. Feeling like -5C directly in the wind.	2C rising during day to 5C. Feeling like -8 to -12C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Close to highest summits above 900m. Slight frost sheltered valleys in morning.	Above the summits, but close to very highest tops above 900m early in day.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 16 December, 2025

Prolonged rain will leave flooding of streams and rivers in many mountain areas early in the new week, with the exception of northeastern Scotland. As a front clears Monday into Tuesday it will drop to freezing above 900m, beware of ice forming on higher Scottish mountains. Drier conditions for many on Tuesday, though showery near west coast of Scotland. By Wednesday, another system sweeps in from the Atlantic bringing further rain and gales. A risk of more heavy rain particularly England and Wales later in the week. A change of weather pattern is likely in the run up to Christmas, as high pressure builds northward, bringing drier weather, possibly chillier with time.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Sunday, 14 December, 2025

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