

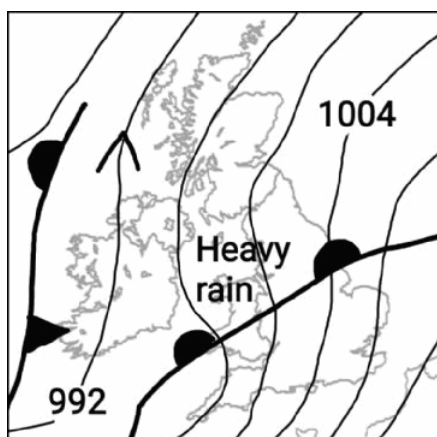
# Lake District

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, 18 December, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 18 December, 2025

Scotland: South to south-west gales bringing hill fog and showers, before band of heavy, perhaps squally, rain moves up from the southwest in afternoon, snow tops.

England and Wales: Heavy rain spreading north with hill fog becoming extensive with strong to gale force southerly winds.

### Headline for Lake District

Southerly gales with showers giving way to heavy rain from the south.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 18 December, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southerly 35 to 50mph, but direction and speed likely to vary, possibly lower speeds for periods during day.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Expect arduous walking conditions and considerable wind chill on higher fells, but may lessen for periods.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Heavy rain likely setting in</b> Patchy showers mostly coastal areas, possibly drier for a time inland. Then persistent heavy rain likely moving in from southwest during day. Breaking up into showery rain and hail (snow high tops) evening into night.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Varied, becoming extensive</b> Patchy cloud banks, most persistent south-facing areas, some breaks north Lakes in morning, but as rain sets in, widely lowering over hills.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>30% dropping below 10%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, varied layers of high cloud, but visibility good where dry; becoming murky if rain sets in.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	3 or 4C, then lowering to 1C into night. Wind chill feeling as cold as -10C on tops.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits, then dropping into the night to 800-900m.

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 19 December	Saturday 20 December
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly 45 to 60mph, tending to lessen a little during day.	South to south-easterly 20 to 30mph, but perhaps exceeding 40mph westernmost fells for a time.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Difficult conditions over higher fells, frequent buffeting from modest elevations upward. Significant wind chill.</b>	<b>A very blustery and gusty airflow, arduous towards west coast especially, with considerable buffeting and wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Showery, hail, snow highest tops</b> Showers most frequent west and southwestern fells, with hail, falling as snow on highest tops above 800m. Tending to fade during afternoon.	<b>Patchy rain, may become persistent.</b> As a front edges in from the west, patchy rain and drizzle will likely become fairly widespread increasingly from the west coast across the fells through the day.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly high tops with breaks</b>  Varying cloud bases, but often capping high tops above 800m in morning, some breaks more often afternoon. Clearer eastern Lakeland fells much of day.	<b>Extensive, especially in the west.</b>  Fells will be very likely covered in fog throughout much of the day. Lowest bases western and southern fells.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sun, most often N/E Lakes. Visibility often very good, reduced in showers.	A little weak sun possible should cloud layers thin, mostly likely in the east. Visibility good or very good, but poor in any rain. General haze west coast.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	2 or 3C. Feeling like -12C directly in the wind.	3 or 4C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Close to highest summits above 900m.	Above the summits

## Planning Outlook

## All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 19 December, 2025

South-southwesterly winds widely remain gale force over the mountains later this week and through into Saturday, severe upland gales for periods. Showery on Friday, most frequent in western Scotland with hail, also snow over tops. Another belt of persistent rain likely arrives onto western hills into Saturday, snow only highest Scottish tops. A switch to east-southeasterly winds by Sunday into early next week, some residual rain and high-level snow, but a drier theme develops and favouring chillier conditions into the Christmas period.

## Forecast issued at 16:35 on Wednesday, 17 December, 2025

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