

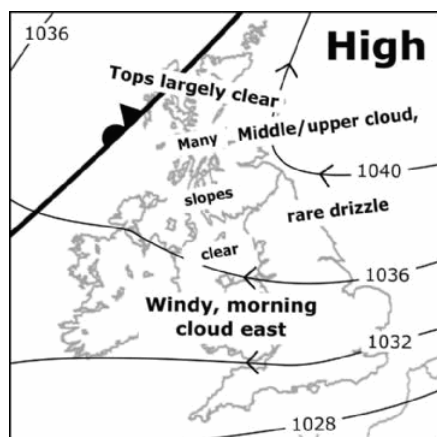
Lake District

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 Wednesday, 24 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 24 December, 2025

Patchy cloud on middle and high slopes of central and east Scottish Highlands, clearer west and north; high summits clear too. Most cloud in England stays east of the Pennines, little west including Lakeland where isolated to summits. Gusty wind in Wales, risk gales south; early cloud in the east will break.

Headline for Lake District

Blustery in exposure; fleeting cloud caps on summits

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 24 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 20-25mph, gusty over high terrain, the strongest gusts reaching 35mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery on high terrain, the strongest gusts challenging stability and feeling chilly.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No precipitation expected
Cloud on the hills?	Caps over the high tops, most east Cloud caps come and go over the high tops, most frequent with lower bases over the Helvellyn group, down to 700-800m eastern slopes. Many summits clear for periods.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often sunny, the least sunshine on mid slopes of eastern fells. Some high cloud around. Very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or +1C, lowering slightly from evening into nighttime.
Freezing Level	700-800m, lowering slightly from evening and into nighttime.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 25 December	Friday 26 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Easterly 25-30mph, gusty over the high tops, 35mph or higher. Comfort of walking affected in exposure, strongest gusts over high tops may challenge balance; significant wind chill.	Easterly 20 to 30mph, stronger gusts around some tops and high passes; locally also gusty downslope west of high tops. Blustery with considerable wind chill in exposure over the fells, in places sudden buffeting gusts not just on the summits.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected	Precipitation very unlikely Small chance of brief snow grains on some fells mainly toward the northeast Lakes.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Largely clear after morning A few patches at various middle and upper elevations on eastern fells in the morning, these substantially clearing for cloud-free fells most of the day. 90%	Sometimes capping tops north/east Patchy cloud may occasionally drift over higher slopes mainly areas from Skiddaw to Helvellyn and perhaps High Street, but many tops often clear; cloud rare on western tops. 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny. Excellent visibility.	Mix of cloud and sun, best toward west coast where often sunny all day. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-1 or 0C, though a degree or two warmer on westernmost fells and highest summits. Poorly defined, mostly middle and upper eastern slopes though variable, likely milder west of high tops.	0C, small variation with height. Feeling like -10C directly in the stronger wind. Near freezing all elevations from dawn, terrain staying frozen out of sunlight, but lifting just above freezing some slopes.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 25 December, 2025

Christmas Day will be dry: easterly winds are dominant, strongest in England and Wales and most cloud east of the high tops: may be fairly sheet-like sometimes, though variably more extensive or broken, best of sun breaks in western areas. Turning cooler too, the coldest air in England and Wales with freezing levels reaching as low as 300-600m in east Wales, though poorly defined.

High pressure stays put to the north into the weekend, maintaining dry weather, easterly winds, and mixed cloud and sunshine, most of the cloud in eastern areas. Temperatures will be variable, becoming milder for a time in England and Wales, with poorly defined freezing levels.

Forecast issued at 15:44 on Tuesday, 23 December, 2025

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