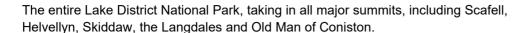
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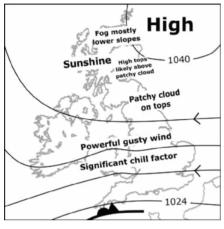






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General Summary for Thursday, 25 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 25 December, 2025

Dry with sunshine best in west and northern Scotland, high terrain warmer than many lower slopes, local low-level fog. High summits SE Highlands likely just above patchy cloud. Mostly cloudy Pennines, grazing tops, clearer westward across the Lakes. Gusty easterly winds, strongest further south, gale-force in Wales.

Headline for Lake District

Strong and gusty wind, cold. Sun and some patchy cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 25 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 25-30mph, gusty over the high tops, 35mph or briefly stronger in places, particularly near high passes.	
Effect of wind on you?	Comfort of walking affected in exposure, strongest gusts over high tops challenge balance, sudden buffeting some passes and mid-slopes. Significant wind chill.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Dry all day	
Cloud on the hills?	Patchy cloud mainly eastern tops	
	A few patches at various middle and upper elevations on eastern fells mostly in the morning, locally Blencathra at times. Often clear fells much of central, west and southern Lakeland, brief patches.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny west, broken cloud and sunny periods eastern areas. Excellent visibility.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1 or 0C, though a degree or two warmer on westernmost fells; little change with added height up to highest summits. Feeling like -10C in direct wind.	
Freezing Level	Poorly defined, mostly middle and upper eastern slopes though variable, likely milder west of high tops.	

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Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 26 December	Saturday 27 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Easterly 20 to 30mph, stronger gusts around some tops and high passes; locally also gusty downslope west of high Blustery with considerable wind chill in exposure over the fells, in places	Easterly 25 to 35mph, stronger gusts around some slopes, high passes and downslope west of tops. Starting to affect comfortable walking and balance on ridges, sudden buffeting
	sudden buffeting gusts not just on the summits.	gusts in places; considerable wind chill.
How wet?	Precipitation very unlikely	Rare if any light rain
(Precipitation and its impact)	Small chance of brief snow grains on some fells mainly toward the northeast Lakes.	Largely dry; an odd brief spot of light rain mainly north and northeast Lakes.
Cloud on the hills?	Sometimes capping tops north/east	Mostly high tops toward 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.	Some cloud banks mostly above 700m and in areas from Skiddaw to Helvellyn; patchier west and southwest Lakes, perhaps often clear toward coast.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%	60% north/east, to 80% south/west
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mix of cloud and sun, best toward west coast where often sunny all day. Visibility excellent.	Fairly cloudy, but some sun best toward west. Visibility very good.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0C, small variation with height. Feeling like -10C directly in the stronger wind.	1 to 3C, small variation with height in morning; may rise slightly higher in west. Feeling like -8C in stronger wind.
Freezing Level	Near freezing all elevations from dawn, terrain staying frozen out of sunlight, but lifting just above freezing some slopes.	Some terrain partly frozen; close to freezing some upper slopes and patchy slight frost in sheltered valleys in morning.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 26 December, 2025

Dry weather continues into the weekend as a strong area of high pressure resides near or north of Scotland. Inversion conditions Scottish mountains, high tops generally above freezing and above most patchy cloud, some frost and fog in glens. Gusty east-northeasterly wind increasing for Scotland by Saturday, easing again for Sunday. Strong and gusty winds prevail for England and Wales, often cloudy, a little light rain occasionally Pennines; some sun toward west. Next week stays dry for many, local showers northern Scotland, possibly turning chillier with northerly winds.

*** Wishing you a very happy Christmas and New Year from all the team at MWIS ***

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