

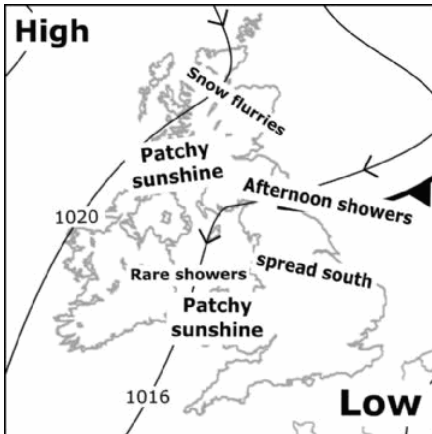
# Lake District

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 Tuesday, 5 May, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 5 May, 2026**

Cold Scottish Highlands, high terrain stays frozen. Snow flurries north and east, more persistent later east. Well scattered showers south Scotland, afternoon showers over the Pennines, later east Lakeland; varied cloud on high northern slopes. A few odd showers north Wales with patchy cloud, dry south.

### Headline for Lake District

Hill cloud lifts towards summits, some breaks; risk late showers

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 5 May, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Generally northerly but variable, 10mph and often less, later trending easterly, rising to 15-20mph over high tops.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Small, but a nuisance breeze over the tops later in the day.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Scattered light showers later</b> The fells likely stay dry well into the day, a rising risk of light showers arriving from the east afternoon; falling as snow flurries on the high tops.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Lifting to the summits, breaks too</b> Mostly above 600m from dawn, a few lower patches but well broken, and a lifting trend with time. Most cloud above 800-900m by afternoon with some breaks off summits. Cloud may return more frequently late in the day.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Rising to 70%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	A patchwork of cloud and sun. Visibility very good.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	4C rising to 6 or 7C. Cooling sharply into evening, to 2C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Likely above the summits all day.

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 6 May	Thursday 7 May
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	East turning southeasterly, 10 to 15mph, strengthening, some gusts to 20-25mph later.	Southerly 10-20mph, may trend southwesterly with time.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Fairly small, but feeling noticeably chillier if exposed to wind on higher tops.</b>	<b>Fairly small.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Local showers</b> Chance of local light rain early in the day, but the morning more likely dry. Then well scattered showers forming inland into the afternoon, tending to move toward north.	<b>Showery rain</b> Rain may affect many fells, the greatest chance in the afternoon when rain may become heavier and more persistent for a few hours.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly little, lifting above tops</b>  Some patchy cloud may form on upper slopes in the morning, possibly larger cloud banks if any rain occurs, but rising to leave most cloud above the hills by midday onward. Ragged patches if showers occur.	<b>Lifting to high terrain</b>  Cloud may be fairly extensive from dawn across high terrain and some middle southern slopes. A lifting trend through the day, to the tops or fleeing breaks during dry periods, but also returning above 800m during rain, always most extensive south.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of sun, thin high cloud; tending to cloud over especially inland afternoon. Visibility excellent.	Glimpses of sunshine. Variable visibility, excellent where dry, but turning poor in rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	0C at first, rising to 4C afternoon.	2C rising to 6C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	900m from dawn, plus patchy frost in valleys if skies are clear. Rising above freezing to the tops.	Above the summits.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 6 May, 2026**

Chilly through mid-week, particularly across the Scottish Highlands where morning freezing level sometimes below 800m; patchy frosts developing in the glens and corries, though always thawing soon after sunrise. Wednesday is likely the chilliest day. Mixed weather with showers drifting around the country, though total rainfall will be fairly small. Wind often light as well, though variable afternoon breezes will form, particularly around showers where gusts may be suddenly strong. Local low fog in the mornings, typically lifting towards high terrain, often above summits though regions for best breaks are uncertain; often cloud with just glimpses of sun for most. Next weekend sees more unsettled weather, a stronger easterly wind establishing over England and Wales with more frequent, heavy showers here.

**Forecast issued at 15:54 on Monday, 4 May, 2026**

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