

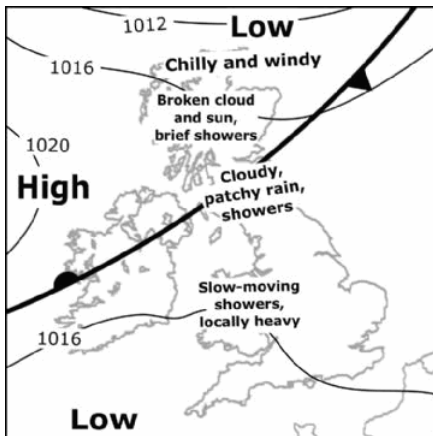
# Lake District

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 Friday, 8 May, 2026



### British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 8 May, 2026

Near freezing all day on higher Scottish mountains, considerable chill factor in the north with brisk winds, though tending to ease. A few showers, snow flurries on Scottish tops, but a fair amount of dry weather for the Highlands. Lighter winds England, Wales & southern Scotland, localised heavy bursts of rain forming.

### Headline for Lake District

Wind drops light. Patchy rain, local showers.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 8 May, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly 15-20mph early morning, briefly 25mph at dawn. Shifting westerly and easing to 10mph afternoon, or often less into evening.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Mostly small, though an inconvenient breeze and feeling chilly over the tops early in the day.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Local showers, risk heavy</b> Showers affect the fells on and off, odd heavier showers, but likely well-scattered. A chance of remaining more often dry in some areas - heavier showers likely focused further away east toward Pennines later in day.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Variable but lifting to upper slopes with breaks</b> Banks at various heights in the morning, most tops shrouded. Bases lift, largely above 700-800m, breaks too but clinging to higher terrain around rain, with fleeting ragged patches some lower slopes.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Largely cloudy, glimpses of sun, mainly near coast afternoon, but a veil of high cloud. Variable visibility, very good during drier periods, locally poor in heavier showers.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	4C rising to 7 or 8C. Feeling like -2C if exposed to early wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 9 May	Sunday 10 May
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Northeasterly 20 to 30mph, gusty around higher tops.	Likely to vary, may be variable 10-15mph or less much of day. Risk NE'ly 25mph at first, then later in day W-NW'ly 20mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Feeling rather blustery and chilly over high terrain, noticeable gusty spots, may affect balance on some ridges.</b>	<b>Fairly small possibly much of the daytime, but marked wind chill if blustery at first, and may feel breezier again later.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Patchy rain or local showers</b> Patchy rain or drizzle possible for a time, mostly north and eastern Lakes, tending to fizzle out, but some rain may linger, an odd heavier shower afternoon.	<b>Rain unlikely until late</b> Most likely dry much of daytime. Toward evening, possibly some patchy showery rain moving in from northwest.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Varied cloud banks, tending to lift</b>  Banks of cloud may cover higher fells particularly in northern areas, risk frequently for a few hours. Tending to lift and may break above many tops, but some patches may linger above 800m.	<b>Little if any</b>  Rare if any brief patches forming onto higher slopes, mainly during morning.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	A veil of high cloud likely to persist, some weak sun. Visibility very good, but reduced if rain occurs locally.	Sunshine most widely in the morning, cloud tending to fill in a little during the day. Visibility excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	2C rising to 4 or 5C. Feeling near -5C if exposed to wind.	1C rising to 5C afternoon. Risk feeling as cold as -7C directly in the wind early in day, improving.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits, but highest tops may start near freezing point, and dropping onto highest tops from sunset into night.	Frost in valleys and sheltered higher areas at dawn. Otherwise above the summits.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 9 May, 2026

A chilly outlook into mid-May, with higher Scottish mountains staying near or often below freezing point as northwesterly air prevails. Higher tops in England and Wales also dropping intermittently to freezing point. Wind-speed varying day-to-day, but prepare for often considerable chill-factor on all mountains. Some frost overnight into valleys when skies are clear. Broadly showery weather over the next 10-day period, plus some fronts bringing persistent rain mostly to northwestern Scotland, often falling as snow on mountain tops, sometimes to below 600m. Drier intervals too, some days with fewer showers and broken cloud lifting above the summits, varying locally day-to-day.

### Forecast issued at 16:25 on Thursday, 7 May, 2026

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