

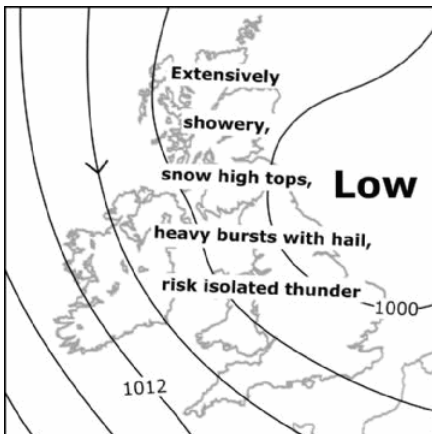
Lake District

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General Summary for Wednesday, 13 May, 2026



**British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 13 May, 2026**

Cold for the time of year, with a cyclonic and unstable north-westerly bringing an increasingly widespread showery day across the hills. Showers heavy, with hail and risk of isolated thunder. Snow falling above around 700m. Gusty north-westerly winds, particularly strong and turbulent in and around the showers.

Headline for Lake District

Another cold, blustery day. Showers; heavy with hail and snow. Risk thunder.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 13 May, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 25 to 35mph, may lessen a little, but then increase again later in day.
Effect of wind on you?	Significant wind chill, blustery on high terrain, at times affecting comfortable walking and balance, buffeting gusts.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery, hail, snow high tops Showers all day, most frequent toward coastal fells early morning, but soon widespread, heavy bursts with hail, risk isolated thunder; snow at times falling on tops mostly above 700m.
Cloud on the hills?	Varying over tops Banks of cloud often capping higher slopes particularly western areas above 800m in the morning, lifting higher then varying around showers, ragged patches to 600m, but clearing even high tops for periods.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief bursts of sun and intermittently excellent visibility, but suddenly very poor during showers, appalling if in snow/hail and cloud on tops.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C rising to 4C. Wind chill feeling like -10C in stronger speeds.
Freezing Level	Around 900m early morning, rising above summits, but lowering briefly near high tops in showers.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 14 May	Friday 15 May
How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 20 to 25mph, some stronger squally gusts around showers.	North to northwesterly 25 to 30mph at dawn, strongest in the east, easing down to 10 to 20mph through day.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable wind chill for mid-May. At times walking becoming uncomfortable in exposure on high tops.	Blustery start to the day, with considerable wind chill and some buffeting, but soon becoming mostly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers forming, some hail. A mostly dry and bright start, but clouds will bubble up, with scattered showers forming from late morning. Most widespread afternoon, some heavy with hail.	Showers mostly in the east. A scattering of showers forming, mainly clustered across easternmost fells. Little if any in the west. Snow across the tops initially. Some hail.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied, but banks forming tops in showers. Given flow direction, generally well elevated bases with tops often clear. However, in and around showers, banks may form above 600-900m. Sleet or even wet snow tops.	May be fairly frequent patches tops Patches of cloud may cover the tops fairly frequently through the day, particularly westernmost fells where flow comes in off Irish Sea. Tops clearer well inland.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunniest during early part of morning, before skies fill in with cloud. Visibility excellent, but temporarily poor or very poor in showers.	Patchy sun, best early morning and west coast afternoon. Visibility very good, but lowering in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	3C. Feeling like -7C directly in wind on higher tops.	Close to 0C at dawn, lifting to +3C. Feeling near-10C directly in early wind.
Freezing Level	Close to top of Scafell Pike	700-800m at dawn, but lifting above the tops.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 14 May, 2026**

Staying notably chilly for mid-May through this week as air from the north-northwest prevails, with showers heavy at times and containing hail with snow over the tops, but over the weekend a front will edge in and bring a change to westerly winds.

Next week may see ridging across England and Wales giving drier conditions, but occasional rain and blustery south-westerly winds for Scotland.

Forecast issued at 1:25 on Wednesday, 13 May, 2026

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