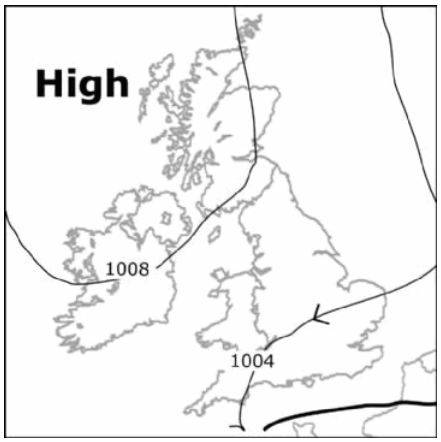
Lake District

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, 20 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 20 November, 2026

Most of Britain fine and sunny but snow showers far north and cloud and a little rain will clear gradually southward from S Pennines and N Wales - persisting S Wales. Across Scotland, terrain extensively frozen, and partly frozen southward into N England.

Headline for Lake District

Fine and sunny; wind dropping away.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 20 November, 2026

How windy? (On the summits) **Effect of wind on you?**	Northeasterly 20mph at dawn. Will progressively drop to 10mph early afternoon and then little at all by sunset. **Becoming negligible.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Precipitation not expected**
Cloud on the hills? **Chance of cloud free summits?**	**Very little** Mountains mostly cloud free, although here and there chance pockets of fog persisting for some hours higher slopes, **90%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine. Visibility very good or excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m) **Freezing Level**	0C. 800m, but some lower terrain partly frozen after a frost.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 21 November	Sunday 22 November
How windy? (On the summits)	Variable direction below 10mph. Later east or southeasterly 15mph, may rise further after dark.	Easterly 25 to 35mph, locally very gusty, sometimes on lower slopes.
Effect of wind on you?	**Negligible**	**Considerable wind chill and sometimes abruptly gusty winds will make balance difficult in places; sometimes on lower slopes.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**No precipitation expected**	**Precipitation not expected**
Cloud on the hills?	**None expected**	**Little if any** Threat patches above about 700m at times, most likely east Cumbria.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**Almost certain**	**70%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive sunshine and superb visibility. Patchy fog in some valleys.	Bright sunshine, perhaps extensive. Visibility excellent or superb.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Around 0C.	1C. Will feel as cold as minus 8C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Much terrain frozen in morning, all day to some lower slopes out of sunlight. Otherwise lifting to 700-800m.	850m. Terrain frozen or partly frozen lower slopes, particularly those out of the sun.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 21 November, 2026

High pressure will bring a fine sunny weekend but extensively frozen terrain to most mountain areas. Bu Sunday, strengthening SE wind western Britain, and a band of rain will have edged into SW Wales - its exact penetration as yet uncertain.

Early next week, fronts and less cold conditions together with areas of upland gales will generate across Britain, turning to snow some higher areas. Nevertheless, total precipitation small N/NE Scotland.

Forecast issued at 12:23 on Thursday, 19 November, 2026

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