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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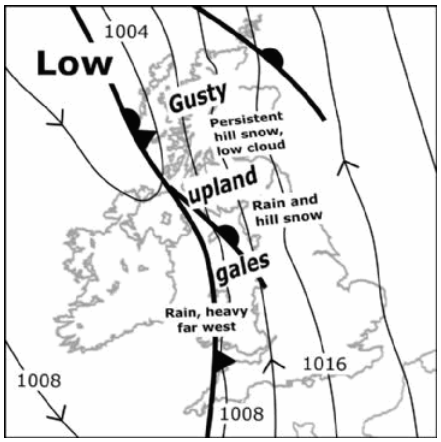
General Summary for Tuesday, 24 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 24 November, 2026

Southeasterly gales over most mountains, powerful gusts toward some lower elevations. Hill snow fairly persistent for the southern Highlands, rain lower slopes; patchier northwards across the Highlands. Some hill snow for northern England, turning more to rain. Heavy rain toward west Wales.

Headline for Lake District

Snow and rain mix, wetter with time; powerful gales.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 24 November, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	South to southeasterly, strengthening quickly with height, a very gusty 40-60mph. Ferocious gusts; some reaching valleys.
Effect of wind on you?	**Severe wind chill and very difficult walking where exposed. Gusts may well knock you over - even on some lower slopes.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Early hill snow, increasingly heavy rain** An area of rain patchy from before dawn, snow above about 600m, turning wetter higher up in morning on tops nearer to coasts. Heavier persistent rain setting in with time, continuing into evening, relatively less in the north.
Cloud on the hills?	**Very extensive; lowest southern fells** Cloud shrouds higher areas most or all day, generally to around 600m north Lakes, but 300-500m south Lakes.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**20%, to almost nil south.**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally cloudy, some brighter moments mainly north Lakes. Hazy, and visibility poor in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Varied: 0 to 3C, tending to rise from west. Will feel as cold as minus 12C in the wind.
Freezing Level	700m some areas at first, but tending to rise above the summits.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 25 November	Thursday 26 November
How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 20 to 30mph, but some local stronger gusty areas around high tops and passes, in places risk 40mph.	Southeasterly 25 to 40mph, likely strengthening during daytime, risk 50mph by dusk onward at least in gusts.
Effect of wind on you?	**Affecting ease of walking on exposed terrain with considerable wind chill, some gusty spots making balance tricky.**	**Strenuous walking becoming increasingly challenging on high terrain, powerful downslope gusts. Significant wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Rare snow flurries** A little light sleet or snow possible remaining from overnight, but more likely soon dry. An odd flurry here and there.	**Dry all day** Well into night, chance of a little light hill snow developing from the west.
Cloud on the hills?	**Breaks forming, better west** Varying cloud banks in the morning, may linger over some slopes particularly eastern high tops, but tending to break above many tops, best west.	**Mostly southern fells** Varying cloud banks around higher slopes, most persistent toward south Lakes, whilst northwestward may be well broken and only patches drifting over tops at times.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**70%**	**60%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little if any weak sun due to layers of high cloud. Visibility mostly very good.	Sun likely to weaken as a veil of high cloud thickens from the west. Visibility very good, some haze over the Irish Sea.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 to 2C; small change of temperature with height above around 600m. Feeling like -10C if in stronger wind.	-1C. Feeling like -10C to later nearer -15C directly in the wind on high tops.
Freezing Level	Poorly defined with much upland terrain partly frozen above 600m, but also frost in some valleys in the morning.	Much terrain frozen, thawing only on sunlit lower slopes up to 500m.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 25 November, 2026

Staying near or below freezing across most mountains all this week with below-average temperatures for late November, much higher terrain persistently frozen and regular frosts into valleys and glens. Strong east or southeasterly winds prevail, gales at times. Largely dry midweek, some snow flurries mostly eastern hills. Further hill snow more widely into Friday may set in heavy as a front moves in from the west, rain lower western areas. In the extended outlook through the weekend and beyond, there is uncertainty about the extent of incoming Atlantic fronts and scope for further snowfalls , or any pushes of milder air trying to arrive.

Forecast issued at 16:15 on Monday, 23 November, 2026

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