

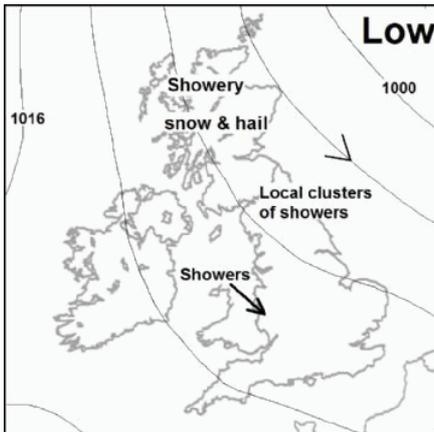
# Lake District

The entire Lake District National Park, taking in all major summits, including Scafell, Helvellyn, Skiddaw, the Langdales and Old Man of Coniston. Also includes the Howgill Fells east of Kendal (the NW extension of Yorks Dales).



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## General Summary for Wednesday, 5 May, 2021



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 5 May, 2021

Another very cold day for May; higher mountains sub-zero, some rise of freezing level through the day. Showers with hail or snow, to lower slopes in the Highlands, locally frequent, heavy with isolated thunder. A brisk northwesterly breeze, feeling bitter where exposed.

### Headline for Lake District

Cold. Brief hail and snow showers.

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 5 May, 2021

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Northwesterly, 15 to 20mph, tending to increase a little, at times 25-30mph near precipitation.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Feeling distinctly cold for May where exposed on tops. Suddenly very blustery and gusty near showers.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Brief hail and snow showers, some heavy</b> Frequently dry, but a scattering of hail and snow showers, mainly from late morning onwards on eastern fells. Chance isolated thunder. Lying snow on highest slopes.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Patches around showers</b> Many summits often clear, but patches forming 600m upwards near precipitation, most common north & western fells. May fill in periodically across highest slopes.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, mainly morning - although west Cumbria may well remain fairly sunny afternoon. Frequently excellent or superb visibility but abruptly very poor in snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	-2C rising to 0 or 1C during the day. Wind chill feels as cold as -10C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Most terrain at least partly frozen at dawn. By early afternoon freezing level typically 800m.

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 6 May	Friday 7 May
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Northwesterly 15 to 25mph.	Northwesterly, 10 to 15mph or at times less.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Remaining notably chilly where exposed on higher terrain, occasional sudden gusts around showers.</b>	<b>Mostly small, but still a notable chill on higher slopes.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Clusters of hail and snow showers</b> Several hours may escape dry, but expect showers breaking out with hail and upland snow. Chance of showers clustering together for a few hours in afternoon. Local heavy bursts, isolated thunder.	<b>Brief showers</b> One or two brief showers of hail or snow, typically clearing eastwards by afternoon.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Forming around precipitation</b>  Many summits clear for periods, but patches will form around showers, locally below 600m for a time. If precipitation becomes frequent over a few hours, cloud forming more extensively.	<b>Mostly very little</b>  Rare fragments of cloud capping higher slopes around showers.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun. The air very clear, but visibility very poor periodically in showers.	Occasional sun in morning, then becoming sunnier on fells nearest coast in afternoon. The air very clear indeed, but very poor visibility around showers.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	-1C rising toward 2C by afternoon.	-1C rising to 2C by afternoon.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Frost widely from dawn. Rising just above freezing to highest tops.	Frost at most elevations at dawn. Rising just above freezing to highest slopes by middle of day.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 6 May, 2021**

Unusually cold weather for early May is expected to continue into next week, particularly in Scotland, whilst some milder air is likely to move across England & Wales from the south during the weekend. Higher Scottish mountains persistently sub-zero; the freezing level sometimes widely below 900m, plus frequent frosts on lower terrain overnight.

Areas of hail and snow showers, some heavy with thunder, most widespread in the afternoons.

Another deep Atlantic low is due to move in from the southwest by Saturday - a threat of widespread upland gales, heavy rain, and further snow some areas. Chilly and showery northwesterlies are then likely to resume for a few days.

**Forecast issued at 16:29 on Tuesday, 4 May, 2021**

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