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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 Sunday, 15 May, 2022



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 May, 2022

Showery bursts of rain will drift gradually northwards over Britain very hit and miss in nature, some places seeing rain for an hour or more, other areas staying dry. Northern Scotland escaping driest for longest. Gusty southeasterly winds, tending to strengthen across the Highlands through the day. Fairly warm, quite humid.

Headline for Lake District

Patchy rain, showers locally. Increasingly gusty wind.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 15 May, 2022

How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly, increasing 15 to 30mph, plus stronger gusts around higher summits and ridges, also some passes.
Effect of wind on you?	Starting fairly small, but on both lower and higher slopes sudden strong gusts developing, may knock you off balance.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Scattered showery bursts Showers at times, locally may give rain over an hour or so, although some fells may remain dry throughout. Possibly rain becoming more persistent during afternoon from south/east.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied, patches around rain, may fill in. Local pockets of mist some valleys or lower slopes from dawn, soon dispersing.
	Summits sometimes free of cloud, but during and after rain, fog forming on higher slopes for a few hours, greatest risk during afternoon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine, generally weak and cloud filling in for periods. Good visibility away from rain, but slight haze, sometimes mistier.
How Cold? (at 750m)	10C, rising marginally to 12C some western fells by afternoon.
Freezing Level	Above summits

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Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Monday 16 May	Tuesday 17 May
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southeasterly risk 30-40mph around dawn, may soon ease to 20-25mph, sometimes less, turning south then Possible considerable buffeting and sudden powerful gusts at first, improving, but may remain blustery for periods.	Southerly 25 to 35mph, may be over 40mph at times on higher western fells, at least in gusts. Very blustery, particularly western Lakeland tops, where risk of powerful buffeting gusts around higher fells.
How wet?	Heavy rain, risk thundery bursts later	Showery rain on and off
(Precipitation and its impact)	Risk of rain already widespread and heavy from dawn, lasting for several hours through the morning, then gradually breaking up from the south. Further heavy bursts of rain may follow. Risk of thunder.	Timing uncertain, but expect rain from time to time, some showery bursts mixed in. May clear from the west, but risk later of further pulses of rain developing from the south.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, may improve a little	Covering some tops for periods
	Blanket low cloud will be extensive for several hours during and after rain. Cloud bases rising in afternoon with some breaks, although banks are likely to persist around tops, lowering if rain returns.	Banks of cloud forming across higher fells for periods, mostly during or after rain, lowest on south and western areas, risk filling in for periods. Best breaks to tops toward Skiddaw and east from Helvellyn.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10% rising to 40% afternoon	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly overcast, possible sun breaking through into afternoon. Visibility widely poor in rain, may become good for periods afternoon onward.	Glimpses of sun. Visibility often good, but reduced around rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	7 to 11C, coolest if in fog.	8 to 10C
Freezing Level	Above summits	Above summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 16 May, 2022

South to southwesterly winds will prevail early in the new week, bringing some spells of rain or showers, including a risk of thundery bursts in places. Wind speeds varied, sometimes reaching gale force on the tops. Rain and low cloud becoming focused on western mountains in Scotland as the week progresses, with generally westerly winds from midweek, feeling quite cool on the mountains. Higher pressure building across England and Wales should bring fewer showers and some warmer, sunnier periods. High pressure may then expand further north over Britain into next weekend.

Forecast issued at 16:01 on Saturday, 14 May, 2022

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