

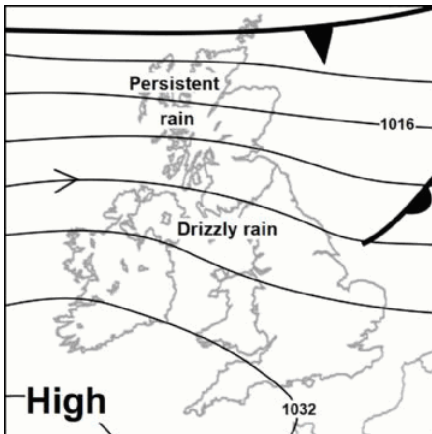
Lake District

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 Wednesday, 22 November, 2023



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 22 November, 2023

Widespread upland gales, increasingly severe Scottish mountains. Least windy south Wales. Rain and drizzle most of the day western Scotland, heaviest northwest. Patchy rain or drizzle elsewhere, driest in easternmost areas. Extensive low cloud, lowest west. Above freezing to all tops.

Headline for Lake District

Severe gales on tops. Rain or drizzle in the wind.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 22 November, 2023

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 40 to 50mph, locally more powerful gusts around major summits and in places through elevated passes, reaching 60mph in places.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging walking over higher terrain. Balance and mobility difficult on exposed ridges. Gusts may knock you off your feet. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly rain mostly western Lakes Total rainfall generally small, but drizzly rain fairly frequent over western fells. Spots in the wind passing eastwards, but often dry for periods eastern fells.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Shrouding the fells throughout the day, lowest bases in western areas, locally mid-slopes upward. Further east some breaks toward upper slopes.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, glimpses of sun toward eastern Lakes. Slight haze, visibility reduced in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	5C rising 7C. Wind chill feels like -5 to -10C on tops.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 23 November	Friday 24 November
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly 50 to 70mph from overnight into daytime, powerful gusts elevated passes. Likely to start easing only after sunset. Ongoing very difficult conditions and significant wind chill from mid-heights upward much of day. Severe high tops.	Northwesterly 35mph, risk 45mph higher fells in the morning. Gradually easing to 25mph. Considerable buffeting across higher fells early in the day. Likely to continue to affect comfortable walking. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly rain then heavier rain Rain and drizzle fairly persistent western Lakeland. Spots in the wind further east. A more widespread constant belt of heavier rain passes southwards during afternoon. Showers with snow on fells after dark.	Precipitation unlikely Low risk of a brief shower or snow flurry on fells, mainly toward west and northwest.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Shrouding the fells throughout the day, lowest over western areas, to mid-slopes toward coasts. Higher bases inland and eastern fells, some breaks above 600m. Cloud lifting and breaking into evening.	Patches on western tops Banks of cloud capping higher slopes from time to time, most common west and northwestern fells.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, rare weak sun east in morning. Hazy, especially in west.	Mostly sunny. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	6 or 7C, starting to drop by afternoon, after dark toward 0C. Wind chill feeling like -7 to -10C high tops. Above the summits all daylight, but then into evening lowering to 700-800m.	-1C. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C. 600 to 700m. Also frost some sheltered valleys at first.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 23 November, 2023**

Much colder air moves in from the northwest Thursday into Friday - a significant rapid drop of freezing level to leave all mountains sub-zero. Showers with hail and snow falling to lower elevations in Scotland. Staying chilly into the weekend, but a good deal of dry and sunny weather with high pressure extending over Britain. Hard frost overnight into valleys and glens. Wind speeds tending to ease into Saturday. Lower confidence by Sunday as weak fronts may push in from the west bringing snow flurries or drizzly rain near to west coasts. Precipitation amounts likely to be fairly small into next week, staying on the cooler side, some variation of temperature, but mostly near or below freezing on high tops.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Tuesday, 21 November, 2023

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