

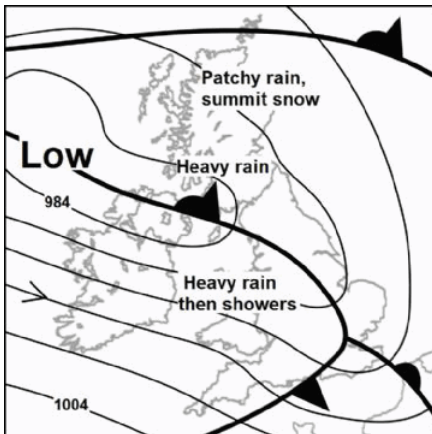
# Lake District

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 Saturday, 9 December, 2023



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 9 December, 2023

Patchy rain and snow on higher Scottish tops push north over the Highlands. Heavy rain sets in across south & central Scotland. Heavy rain moves across England and Wales in the morning, followed by showers. Varied winds, fairly light much of Scotland, but increasing upland gales for England, severe for Wales.

### Headline for Lake District

Heavy rain. Upland gales developing, risk severe later.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 9 December, 2023

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southerly 15 to 30mph, abruptly and rapidly increasing, turning westerly afternoon, 40 to 60mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Fairly small at first, but marked chill. Becoming difficult as winds veer westerly, with significant wind chill and buffeting.
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Heavy rain, then showers.</b> Several hours of heavy rain during the morning. Very wet underfoot with snow melt on highest tops. Tending to break up into heavy showers, risk isolated thunder.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive</b> Cloud will shroud the hills extensively for much of daylight hours, despite a rise in bases to upper slopes post front later in the day. To lowest slopes in heavy rain.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly overcast. Visibility widely poor in rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	Around 4C, but feeling closer to -10C in direct exposure to the strongest winds.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 10 December	Monday 11 December
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	South to southwesterly, 25 to 40mph, speeds likely to vary during the day. Risk strengthening over 50mph after dark. <b>Blustery with considerable wind chill over the tops, may become more arduous at times on higher terrain.</b>	Risk of westerly gales 40-50mph from before dawn, but speeds may then drop in morning to be variable 10-20mph or less. <b>Beware possibly challenging conditions early in day, but likely to improve to give moderate or small effects on walking.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Heavy rain, possible snow tops</b> Rain soon persistent from dawn, continuous heavy falls for several hours into middle of day, especially west and south Lakes, later showery. May turn to sleet or snow highest tops.	<b>Patchy showers</b> Overnight rain likely to clear to leave a largely dry day, but occasional showery rain possible, most common toward coast.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>   <b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Extensive</b>  Shrouding the fells throughout the day, most persistent to lower elevations in southwestern areas. Higher bases north and northeastern areas, some breaks above 600m.  <b>10%</b>	<b>Often covering many tops</b>  Cloud likely to shroud many higher areas all day, lowest bases in the morning, tending to rise with some breaks, best toward eastern fells.  <b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Visibility poor due to rain.	Fairly cloudy, glimpses of sun. Visibility good out of cloud.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	2C. Wind chill feeling like -5 to -10C on high tops.  Just above freezing point to summits with patchy lying snow on upper slopes. May lower onto tops in heavy precipitation.	4C. Wind chill risk feeling like -5 to -10C at first, sub-zero all day if exposed to wind.  Above the summits.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 10 December, 2023

Areas of low pressure dominate into the weekend and early next week bringing unsettled conditions as a series of fronts circulate over Britain. Periods of heavy rain, with snow over higher mountains in Scotland as tops stay near or just below freezing point. Some freeze-thaw higher up, but mid-heights generally above freezing - very wet underfoot due to rain and snowmelt, beware flooding of streams and rivers. Most tops in England and Wales above freezing with terrain not frozen apart from local snow pockets. Generally windy, gales or severe gales at times over the tops - strongest speeds most sustained for England and Wales. Least windy in northern Scotland.

### Forecast issued at 16:30 on Friday, 8 December, 2023

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