

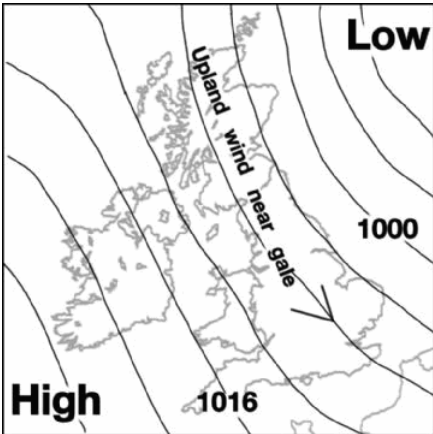
Lake District

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 Thursday, 19 December, 2024



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 19 December, 2024

Cold showery near gale force upland northwesterly winds will bring frequent snow and hail to many western and northern mountains and in the morning isolated thunder. Extensively dry and often sunny south from the southernmost highlands to the Pennines.

Headline for Lake District
Upland gales; risk snow flurries.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 19 December, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 40mph. Will begin to ease afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult walking conditions, sudden powerful gusts near precipitation may blow you over. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk of a snow flurry Extensively dry; possibly the odd snow flurry.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive on higher fells Cloud base typically 700 to 900m, with breaks to highest tops - may extensively clear southern fells .
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sun; sunniest south lakes. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1C. Will feel as cold as minus 14C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	600m.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 20 December	Saturday 21 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly, strengthening to 45 to locally 60mph by late morning.	Westerly 60mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Significant wind chill. Walking increasingly difficult with height. In places any mobility strenuous.	Considerable buffeting at times on lower slopes, whilst higher up severe wind chill and mobility often difficult. You could be blown over.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent rain Rain more or less centred on middle of day - may well be largely dry post dawn and again by dusk.	Showers; increasingly of snow Overnight rain clearing within an hour or two either side of dawn. Showers will follow, increasingly of snow on higher fells - perhaps to 600m by dusk.
Cloud on the hills?	The fells cloud covered all day Fog across the fells all day; soon lowering to shroud lower slopes across south lakes and western fells elsewhere. Cloud base typically 400 to 650m elsewhere.	Extensive on higher fells Cloud base rising through morning to vary between 400m near precipitation, and otherwise 750m and rarely above 950m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Almost nil	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine not expected and visibility frequently poor.	Bursts of sunshine, mainly eastern Cumbria. Varied visibility; very poor in snow to sometimes very good.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	3C. Will feel as cold as minus 10C directly in the wind. Above the summits	Dropping slowly: 2C by afternoon. Will feel as cold as minus 15C directly in the wind. By afternoon close to highest summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 20 December, 2024

Lengthy bouts of upland gales (sometimes storm force), frequent precipitation (often of snow on the mountains), over the next few days.

Turning mild on Tuesday with freezing level then constantly above the mountain summits for several days. Extensively dry, although there may be drizzly rain W and most likely NW Scottish Highlands. It may well remain windy in N Scotland, but elsewhere, winds much lighter, especially across Wales.

Forecast issued at 7:38 on Thursday, 19 December, 2024

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