

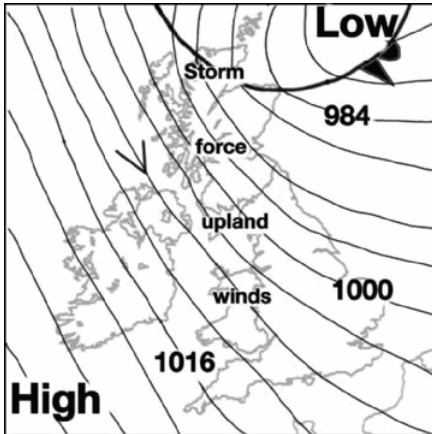
# Lake District

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 Sunday, 22 December, 2024



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 22 December, 2024**

Very severe conditions due to widespread storm force northwesterly winds across the mountains. Frequent snow showers will come in off the sea, extending well inland and in some areas merging to give almost constant snow and whiteout for a few hours.

### Headline for Lake District

Storm force upland wind. Frequent snow showers easing; chance thunder.

## Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 22 December, 2024

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Northwesterly 55 to 70mph; particularly gusty near precipitation.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Arduous walking on lower slopes, whilst higher up severe wind chill and any mobility challenging, particularly near precipitation.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Frequent hail and snow; risk whiteout</b> Snow and hail showers, or sometimes almost constant precipitation, mostly rain valleys and lower slopes. Small risk thunder. Will ease to only flurries afternoon.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Very extensive. Cloud base varying, may temporarily clear higher tops.</b> Near precipitation cloud sometimes below 400m particularly west Cumbria, but breaks to 750m, perhaps later fleeting breaks to higher tops.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sunshine, mainly afternoon. Very varied visibility, sometimes excellent, but appalling or perhaps near zero in snow/blowing snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	-1C, slight rise through day. Will feel as cold as minus 17C directly in the wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	600m; will rise marginally through daylight.

**Lake District - Looking Ahead**

	<b>Monday 23 December</b>	<b>Tuesday 24 December</b>
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Northwest backing westerly; 30mph at dawn, then a lull to around 25mph. Will strengthen to 35mph through afternoon. <b>Mostly fairly small; but anticipate through afternoon the onset of considerable wind chill and more strenuous walking.</b>	Southwest to westerly 30 to on some areas 35 or 40mph. <b>Walking strenuous and wind chill significant; sudden gusts reaching some lower slopes and valleys.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain spreading inland, probably afternoon</b> The odd snow shower morning. Occasional rain, or possibly temporarily snow or refrozen rain above 600m, spreading inland afternoon, perhaps very little until almost dusk.	<b>Raining most of the day</b> Raining almost constantly western mountains, although on more eastern fells the rain occasional and total rainfall small.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Deteriorating as cloud later envelops lower slopes</b> Cloud lifting off most summits for a few hours, although patches above about 750m. Into afternoon anticipate deterioration in rain: cloud filling in across the fells.	<b>Blanket of cloud across even most lower slopes.</b> Cloud base widely below 200 or 300m western fells and across south lakes. Elsewhere, the cloud a little higher, but rarely above 600m.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>50% later dropping from west to 10%</b>	<b>Almost nil</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine as cloud thickens from west. Visibility excellent; later poor in rain.	Sunshine rarely coming through some valleys. Widely poor visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b> <b>Freezing Level</b>	0C, perhaps 3C before dusk. Will feel as cold as minus 8C directly in the wind. 700m; lifting above the summits from west toward or after dark.	8C. Will feel as cold as minus 5C where exposed to the wind Above the summits.

**Planning Outlook**

**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 23 December, 2024**

A change in the weather pattern from Tuesday as high pressure progressively envelops Wales and England. Here (and also in S Scotland), extensively dry and the and progressively dropping, initially across Wales. Mild - although frost in valleys some nights. Still windy Scottish Highlands, here very mild with lying snow substantially melting. Rain frequent NW Highlands, and less so W Highlands. Further east little or no rain.

**Forecast issued at 12:03 on Saturday, 21 December, 2024**

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