

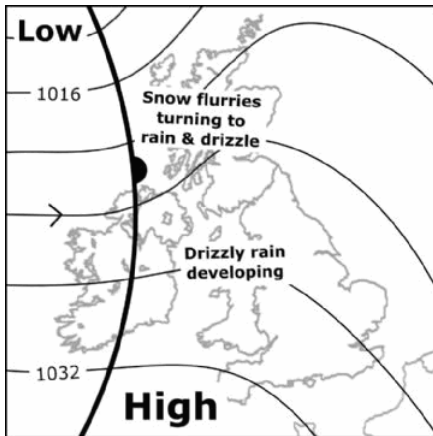
Lake District

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 Monday, 23 December, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 December, 2024

A warm front arriving from the west brings rain preceded by snow or freezing rain on higher slopes - later much milder, well above freezing to all tops. A brief lull, but winds strengthening during the day in Scotland. Windy from dawn Pennines & Wales then a brief lull develops here during day.

Headline for Lake District

Wind increasing again later. Rain and drizzle develops.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 23 December, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwest backing westerly; 30mph at dawn, then a lull to around 20mph. Will strengthen to 35mph through afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small for a few hours, but deteriorating afternoon with considerable wind chill and more strenuous walking.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain spreading inland afternoon The odd snow shower at dawn Occasional rain, or temporarily snow or refrozen rain above 600m, spreading inland afternoon, becoming persistent for a few hours.
Cloud on the hills?	Deteriorating as cloud later envelops lower slopes Cloud lifting off most summits for a few hours, although patches above about 750m. Into afternoon, deteriorating in rain: cloud filling in across the fells.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50% later dropping from west to 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine as cloud thickens from west. Visibility excellent; later poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0C, reaching 3C by dusk, 7C+ after dark. Will feel as cold as minus 8C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	700m; lifting above the summits from west toward or after dark.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 24 December	Wednesday 25 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwest to westerly 30 to on some areas 35 or 40mph.	Southwesterly 35 to 50mph; marked increase with height, sudden gusts around higher summits and passes.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking strenuous and wind chill significant; sudden gusts reaching some lower slopes and valleys.	Arduous walking on higher terrain, gusty conditions affecting balance. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Raining most of the day Raining almost constantly western mountains, although on more eastern fells the rain occasional and total rainfall small.	Damp air Feeling damp with fine drizzle where in cloud, mostly on west & southern fells.
Cloud on the hills?	Blanket of cloud across even most lower slopes. Cloud base widely below 200 or 300m western fells and across south Lakes. Elsewhere, the cloud a little higher, but rarely above 600m.	Extensive Blanket cloud from lower slopes upward toward coasts in west and south, above 400-600m further inland, local higher breaks Blencathra to Ullswater area.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Almost nil	Below 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine rarely coming through some valleys. Widely poor visibility.	Overcast and dull. Visibility locally good out of cloud mainly northeast Lakes.
How Cold? (at 750m)	8C. Will feel as cold as minus 5C where exposed to the wind	6C. Wind chill makes it feel as cold as -7C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 24 December, 2024**

West to southwesterly winds prevail through Christmas, gales over higher terrain, strongest in Scotland. The wind likely eases into Boxing Day as high pressure expands northwards. Mild for all through midweek, damp across western hills with extensive very low cloud; recent snow cover continually melting. Higher cloud bases and brighter further east. A risk of westerly winds strengthening again into the weekend, particularly Scotland. Some indication of colder air returning from the northwest into the New Year period.

Forecast issued at 15:00 on Sunday, 22 December, 2024

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