

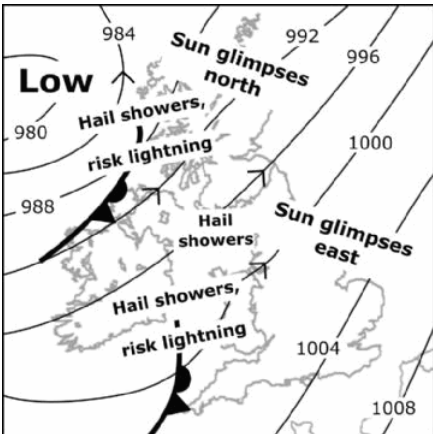
Lake District

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 Tuesday, 2 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 2 December, 2025

Hail showers will frequent west coast hills fairly widely; snow on the highest tops with risk of isolated lightning. Drier inland, particularly northeast Scotland where sunny bursts will occur. Chilly, feeling cold in a brisk southwesterly wind; this easing in Wales and south Pennines afternoon.

Headline for Lake District

Blustery and gusty; hail showers mostly west

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 2 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 30-35mph, strongest early and squally gusts around showers. Easing slightly afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery, affecting comfortable walking and balance on exposed higher areas. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers mostly toward coast; risk hail Showery bursts coming inland from the Irish Sea, most common southwestern fells though perhaps more widely for a few early hours; risk hail, at times snow falling on highest tops in Scafell group. More often dry northeast Lakes. Fast-flowing streams after previous rain.
Cloud on the hills?	Most persistent southwest fells Often covering higher fells, bases varied above 600 to 900m, lowest and most persistent southwestern areas, perhaps more widespread low cloud south for a few early hours. Best breaks forming toward northeast.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%, to 50% north Lakes.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Few glimpses of sun mostly north Lakes but often cloudy. Visibility very good away from showers and below cloud; will rapidly change on western fells.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C, may locally rise to 3C from Grasmoor to Blencathra. Wind chill feeling like -5C, to -8C high tops.
Freezing Level	Just above highest summits.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 3 December	Thursday 4 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 30-35mph; squally gusts around showers, up to 40mph over tops. A slight easing trend possible. Strenuous walking in exposure; balance and stability will be affected, particularly around gusts. Significant wind chill.	Southeasterly 35-45mph, then generally W'ly and lower speeds afternoon though speed and direction will vary. Challenging balance on exposed summits early in the day with significant wind chill. Easing to fairly small effects afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, most south and west Frequent showers from Coniston to Pillar likely all day, a few reaching Ambleside. More scattered to the north and east, likely driest Helvellyn group.	Showers, mostly south and west Rain at and before dawn breaks into showers, increasingly isolated to the south and western fells as the day goes. Extended dry periods may occur.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Extensive high fells, low banks south/west Extensive over the high fells with banks down to 500-600m on south and western slopes. Higher bases near Helvellyn and Blencathra groups, though some variability and perhaps more extensive at times. 20%; 40% Blencathra group	Fairly extensive Extensive early with bases as low as 400m south and west fells. Bases will tend to lift, particularly around Blencathra group, though most hills remain shrouded above 600-700m, lowest bases always near Irish Sea. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun on the northern fells, likely overcast elsewhere. Very good visibility away from showers.	Little sun expected. Visibility variable; excellent where out of cloud and rain.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	2C, may warm a degree. Feeling like -10C in direct wind. At or just above the highest tops at dawn, lifting higher.	2 or 3C. Feeling like -10C in direct wind early in the day. Lowering just onto the highest summits early in the day; may lift just above the summits again, some variability.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 3 December, 2025

Low pressure circulating to the west and north will dominate the weather for the next 7 to 10 days, bringing generally unsettled weather. A brief period of slack pressure on Thursday into Friday will ease winds for a time though patchy rain will linger in several areas. Strong southwesterly winds return over the weekend bringing cloud and rain to many mountains, most persistent on southwestern slopes. Several low pressure systems with continue crossing the British Isles through the week; often showery and cloudy in the west with broader bands of rain regularly passing east. Wind speed likely to vary though often quite strong with risk of gales coming and going. Brighter, drier periods will punctuate the unsettled weather next week but these likely short-lived.

Forecast issued at 16:10 on Monday, 1 December, 2025

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