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# **Lake District**

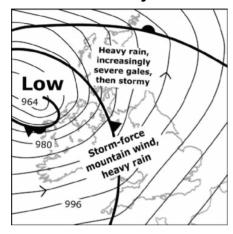
The entire Lake District National Park, taking in all major summits, including Scafell, Helvellyn, Skiddaw, the Langdales and Old Man of Coniston.





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## General Summary for Tuesday, 9 December, 2025



# British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 9 December, 2025

Severe conditions becoming widespread and lasting onward into the night and Wednesday - stormy conditions, hurricane-force winds on higher mountains. Heavy rain sweeping northwards across Scotland during the day, breaking up into showers for England & Wales; flooding likely.

#### **Headline for Lake District**

Stormy winds, heavy rain then showery.

# Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 9 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly, strengthening from before dawn to 40-50mph, reaching 60mph in morning, at times 70mph higher fells, peak speeds later daytime into evening reaching 80mph, stronger gusts higher tops, then slight lessening into night.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult walking conditions and significant chill factor across exposed terrain all day, powerful gusts could knock you over, increasingly severe afternoon and through evening.
How wet?	Near-constant heavy rain turns showery, flooding
(Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy, incessant rain through morning. Breaking into showery rain afternoon, though remaining frequent south and west fells. Beware fast-rising streams and local flooding.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive
	A sheet of cloud cloaks the hills from middle slopes upward, down to low slopes on southern fells. Some variability, local improvements around Blencathra but unlikely lifting above 700m. From dusk, greater breaks form.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Less than 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below	Overcast and dull, some bursts of sun may come through in afternoon, mainly north/eastern hills.
cloud)	Poor visibility, may improve where rain fades, but staying hazy.
How Cold? (at 750m)	8 or 9C, slight rise around midday. Sharply cooling evening into night to 4C. Feeling like -5C in strongest daytime wind; then rapidly into evening -10C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

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#### **Lake District - Looking Ahead**

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wednesday to December	Thursday 11 December
Southwesterly 40 to 55mph, risk at times over 60mph on higher fells, with stronger gusts.	South-southwesterly 35 to 50mph, some uncertainty of peak speeds, risk 60mph higher fells.
Arduous walking conditions from mid elevations upward, difficult over higher terrain; significant wind chill.	Challenging walking conditions, risk remaining difficult over higher tops.
Showery rain	Damp toward southwest Lakes
Frequent showery rain, most common southwestern Lakeland, possible hail mainly morning.	Pockets of drizzle mostly on southwestern fells, rare spots in the wind elsewhere.
Frequently on tops	Most persistent south
Cloud base varying, but often capping higher fells from Coniston to Pillar groups. Breaks to tops at times northeast Lakes.	Banks of low cloud likely to cling around southern Lakeland perhaps much of the day. Higher and more broken cloud northward, some tops here may be clear.
40%	40%
Bursts of sun mostly Ullswater area. Slight haze, visibility reduced further around showers.	Glimpses of sun mostly north Lakes. Hazy or misty toward south, otherwise good visibility.
3 or 4C. Wind chill feeling like -10C.	4C, may start to drop into evening or night. Feeling like -7 to -10C in the wind.
Above the summits	Above the summits
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### **Planning Outlook**

#### All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 10 December, 2025

A very unsettled pattern as southwesterly winds prevail and low pressure systems move in from the Atlantic, sustained gales over the mountains, severe or stormy for periods. Temperatures only close to freezing on higher Scottish tops this week, even here will experience spells above freezing with thawing, leaving snow increasingly patchy, but beware some icy surfaces on the very highest tops where some refreezing occurs. Drier for most places on Thursday this week, otherwise rainfall will be frequent and heavy, sometimes showery with hail. Expect wet ground conditions and further flooding of streams and some rivers.

#### Forecast issued at 16:00 on Monday, 8 December, 2025

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