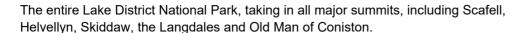
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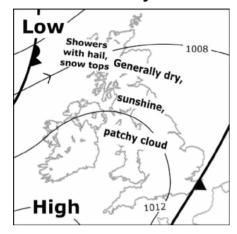






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# General Summary for Tuesday, 16 December, 2025



# British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 16 December, 2025

Showery in western Scotland, with hail, snow on higher mountains; fewer showers eastwards, more sun and higher cloud breaks. Strongest winds in NW Highlands, up to gale force tops. England and Wales largely dry and bright, patchy cloud western tops.

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

Moderate breeze. Dry with sun, patchy cloud nearer coasts.

# **Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 16 December, 2025**

How windy? (On the summits)	West to southwesterly 15 to 20mph, at times 25mph higher fells. Strengthening onward into night, beyond midnight reaching 40-50mph.	
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, blustery in places in exposure and feeling chilly over higher terrain.  Deteriorating into night.	
How wet?	Largely dry	
(Precipitation and its	Chance of an odd light shower mainly near to the coast.	
impact)	Very wet underfoot following previous heavy rain, streams in spate, some residual flooding.	
Cloud on the hills?	Patchy cloud mostly west	
	Patchy cloud banks most common on fells toward western Lakeland, may linger in places above 600m. Some local fog lower down in morning. More breaks likely to tops eastern and far eastern fells.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	50% western areas, 80% further east.	
Sunshine?	Occasional sun and thin high cloud.	
Air clarity (below cloud)	Visibility excellent out of cloud.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C.	
	Feeling like -5C directly in the wind.	
Freezing Level	Close to highest summits above 900m.	
	Slight frost sheltered valleys in morning.	

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

	Wednesday 17 December	Thursday 18 December
How windy? (On the summits)  Effect of wind on you?	South-southwesterly 45 to 60mph, powerful gusts in places downslope to north of higher fells.  Challenging conditions over the fells, walking difficult in places higher up, sudden buffeting to some mid-slopes.	Southerly 35 to 50mph, but direction and speed may vary, possibly lower speeds for periods during day.  Expect arduous walking conditions and considerable wind chill on higher fells, but may lessen for periods.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain most of day, often heavy	Risk of rain setting in
	Rain soon setting in from dawn, persistent widely much of the day, heaviest south and western fells. Breaking up into showers into the evening. Renewed flooding likely.	Patchy showers mostly coastal areas, possibly drier for a time inland.  Then risk of heavy rain moving in from southwest during day.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive	Varied, may widely fill in
	Shrouding the fells widely all day, from mid-to-lower slopes west and southern areas, but rarely above higher tops even in north Lakes.	Patchy cloud banks, most persistent south-facing areas, some breaks north Lakes, but if rain sets in, widely lowering over hills.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and murky.	Overcast, varied layers of high cloud, but visibility good where dry; becoming murky if rain sets in.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C rising during day to 5C. Feeling like -8 to -12C directly in the wind.	3 or 4C. Wind chill feeling as cold as -10C on tops.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but close to very highest tops above 900m early in day.	Above the summits.

# **Planning Outlook**

#### All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 17 December, 2025

An unsettled southwesterly weather pattern continues mid-late this week. On Wednesday, another system sweeps in from the Atlantic bringing further rain and gales. Showery conditions then persist in western Scotland, with hail and snow on high tops. Scottish mountains often near or below freezing above 900m, only brief thawing higher up. Meanwhile, England and Wales stay mild midweek with more heavy rain likely into Thursday, then lowering to freezing on high tops for periods from Friday. A change of weather pattern is likely in the run up to Christmas, as high pressure builds northward, bringing drier weather, fog and frost more common.

### Forecast issued at 16:00 on Monday, 15 December, 2025

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