

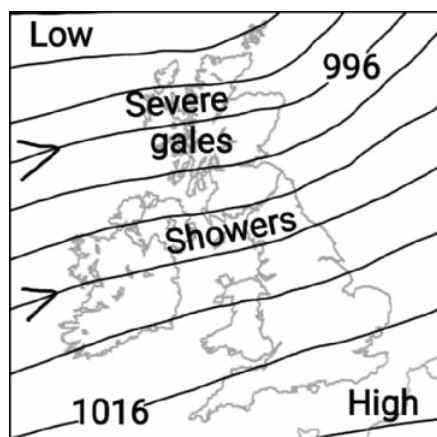
Lake District

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 Friday, 19 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 19 December, 2025

Southwesterly gales, severe across the Highlands, giving significant wind chill and showers. Showers frequent western Scotland, with snow falling down to 800m with hail and risk lightning. Scattered showers for England and Wales where hill fog confined to western tops.

Headline for Lake District

Widespread gales with scattered showers and feeling cold. Sun best in the east.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 19 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 45 to 60mph, tending to lessen a little during day.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult conditions over higher fells, frequent buffeting from modest elevations upward. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery, hail, snow highest tops Showers most frequent west and southwestern fells, with hail, falling as snow on highest tops above 800m. Tending to fade during afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly high tops with breaks Varying cloud bases, but often capping high tops above 800m in morning, some breaks more often afternoon. Clearer eastern Lakeland fells much of day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sun, most often N/E Lakes. Visibility often very good, reduced in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2 or 3C. Feeling like -12C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Close to highest summits above 900m.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 20 December	Sunday 21 December
How windy? (On the summits)	South to south-easterly 20 to 30mph, but perhaps exceeding 40mph westernmost fells for a time.	Easterly 20 to 30mph, may increase to 30 to 40mph
Effect of wind on you?	A very blustery and gusty airflow, arduous towards west coast especially, with considerable buffeting and wind chill.	Very blustery, gusty winds, with sudden, strong gusts running downslope from ridges and passes. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain, may become persistent. As a front edges in from the west, patchy rain and drizzle will likely become fairly widespread increasingly from the west coast across the fells through the day.	Rain on and off, may set in later. Patches of rain through the day. May be very little for a few hours, before there is a risk of a batch of more persistent rain moving up from the south in the afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, especially in the west. Fells will be very likely covered in fog throughout much of the day. Lowest bases western and southern fells.	Extensive Very likely low cloud shrouding the fells extensively through the day. Best of any breaks will be toward the west coast. Breaks elsewhere rather fleeting.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A little weak sun possible should cloud layers thin, mostly likely in the east. Visibility good or very good, but poor in any rain. General haze west coast.	Extensively dull. Visibility perhaps good at times, but marked haze and poor when in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	3 or 4C	Around 2 or 3C
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 20 December, 2025

A switch to east-southeasterly winds by Sunday into early next week, some residual rain and high-level snow, but a drier and colder theme develops into the Christmas period and perhaps into the New Year, as high pressure builds to the north and northeast. An extensive cloud sheet will likely come in from the North Sea over many days with light snow showers or flurries likely, rain to lower slopes, but many areas dry. Best breaks in the west.

Forecast issued at 16:26 on Thursday, 18 December, 2025

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