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# **Lake District**

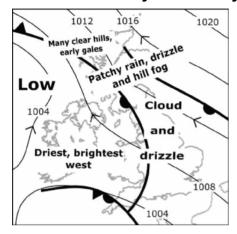
The entire Lake District National Park, taking in all major summits, including Scafell, Helvellyn, Skiddaw, the Langdales and Old Man of Coniston.





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## General Summary for Sunday, 21 December, 2025



## British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 21 December, 2025

A blustery, gusty morning in northern England and Scotland, gales for a time in northwest Scotland, tending to ease. Patchy rain from central Scotland down the spine of the Pennines eases into drizzle over the high tops, drizzle in east Wales too with extensive hill fog in these areas. Best of breaks west Wales and NW Highlands.

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

Blustery, gradually easing; some drizzle and hill fog

## **Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 21 December, 2025**

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 30-35mph from dawn, stronger gusts over the high tops early. Gradually easing to 20-25mph by dusk.		
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery and gusty winds with sudden, strong gusts over the tops early in the day. Conditions improving with time, though winds likely remain uncomfortable in exposure.		
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Morning patchy rain, then drizzle later  Patchy rain through much of the morning, this tending to ease but leaving a drizzly footprint in cloud over the high tops and southern/eastern slopes.		
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive		
	Cloud shrouds the high fells and south/eastern slopes, likely down to middle or lower slopes most of the day. Highest bases from Pillar to Skiddaw, some breaks to higher terrain are possible but summits unlikely to clear.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Odd glimpses of weak sunshine west and north, good visibility during cloud breaks.  Otherwise overcast with poor visibility in cloud and rain.		
How Cold? (at 750m)	Around 2 or 3C. Little change in temperatures with added height.  Warming slightly later overnight hours.		
Freezing Level	Above the summits		

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

	Monday 22 December	Tuesday 23 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 20-30mph, stronger gusts early in the day, may reach 40mph in exposure. Easing afternoon.	Variable 10-15mph, trending northeasterly later.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery at times with marked wind chill where exposed to the wind; risk arduous walking in exposure early.	Mostly small.
How wet?	Early rain and drizzle, then drying up	Often dry
(Precipitation and its impact)	Widespread rain before dawn soon breaks, but further patches of rain and drizzle will follow on the high and south/east fells.	Some patches of light rain here and there, though many fells stay dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly high tops and east fells	Variable, brief higher breaks
	Fairly extensive over the high fells with varying lower banks, most persistent and low on eastern hills. Best chance of higher breaks from Pillar to Skiddaw.	Banks of cloud at various heights, including in valley bottoms early in the day. Some breaks to upper terrain at times, possible off tops, though likely returning, particularly where rain occurs.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Visibility poor where in rain/drizzle; best northwest but a slight haze building.	Some glimpses of sunshine possible. Variable visibility, sometimes good but limited in haze and rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	4C	4C
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

## **Planning Outlook**

#### All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 22 December, 2025

Cloud and patchy rain lingers for a few more days early next week, then a slow change to drier and chiller weather into the Christmas period as high pressure builds to the north. Easterly winds will be dominant, the strongest winds in England and Wales. Cloud may be fairly sheet-like in the east sometimes, though variably more extensive or broken.

The coldest air will reach England and Wales on the easterly wind with freezing levels reaching as low as 400-600m in Wales, staying slightly warmer in northern Scotland with freezing levels nearer the high summits for a time under the core of high pressure.

### Forecast issued at 16:30 on Saturday, 20 December, 2025

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