

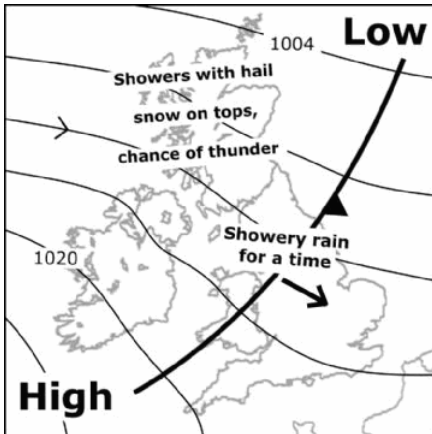
# Lake District

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, 12 May, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 12 May, 2026**

Scotland: Feeling cold in the gusty westerly winds. Early band of rain will clear to brighter skies and scattered showers. Showers more frequent later in day with risk of hail and thunder.

England and Wales: Chilly with gusty westerly winds. Showery rain for a time, then brighter with a few passing showers.

### Headline for Lake District

Feeling cold with gusty winds. Morning rain then brighter with passing showers.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 12 May, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Westerly 30 to 40mph, squally gusts around showers.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Frequent buffeting across higher mountains, affecting balance on exposed ridges. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Rain for a time, showers</b> A band of showery rain moving southeast during morning, may be frequent rain over an hour or more western hills. Then turning brighter with scattered showers afternoon onward.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Rising and clearing</b> Cloud banks covering high tops for a time in morning, but lifting to be largely above the hills, occasional patches near showers.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Lifting to 70%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Occasional sun breaking through. Visibility becoming often very good, but poor in rain and briefly in showers.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	3 or 4C. Feeling as cold as -10C directly in the wind on tops.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 13 May	Thursday 14 May
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Northwesterly 25 to 35mph, may lessen a little, but then increase again later in day.	North-westerly 15 to 25mph
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Significant wind chill, blustery on high terrain, at times affecting comfortable walking and balance, buffeting gusts.</b>	<b>Feeling cold for mid May, with considerable chill in the north-westerly wind.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Showery, hail, snow high tops</b> Showers all day, most frequent toward coastal fells early morning, but soon widespread, heavy bursts with hail, risk isolated thunder; snow at times falling on tops mostly above 700m.	<b>Showers forming, some hail.</b> A mostly dry and bright start, but clouds will bubble up, with scattered showers forming from late morning. Most widespread afternoon, some heavy with hail.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Varying over tops</b> Banks of cloud often capping higher slopes particularly western areas above 800m in the morning, lifting higher then varying around showers, ragged patches to 600m, but clearing even high tops for periods.	<b>Varied, but banks forming tops in showers.</b> Given flow direction, generally well elevated bases with tops often clear. However, in and around showers, banks may form above 600-900m. Sleet or even wet snow tops.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief bursts of sun and intermittently excellent visibility, but suddenly very poor during showers, appalling if in snow/hail and cloud on tops.	Sunniest during early part of morning, before skies fill in with cloud. Visibility excellent, but temporarily poor or very poor in showers.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	2C rising to 4C. Wind chill feeling like -10C in stronger speeds.	3C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Around 900m early morning, rising above summits, but lowering briefly near high tops in showers.	Close to top of Scafell Pike

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 13 May, 2026**

Notably chilly for mid-May across the hills this week as air from the north-northwest prevails. Frequently near or below freezing over Scottish Munros, and at times dropping to freezing on high tops in England and Wales. Wind speed will vary, but increasing at times to gale force on hills, giving significant chill factor. Broadly showery, heavy bursts with hail and thunder in places, also often falling as snow on higher mountains, at least in Scotland, intermittently elsewhere. Some more persistent precipitation especially northwest Scotland. Also some drier windows - varying locally day-to-day - away from showers cloud will lift above hills and visibility will be very good. Less windy and fewer showers suggested by next weekend into early next week.

**Forecast issued at 16:30 on Monday, 11 May, 2026**

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