

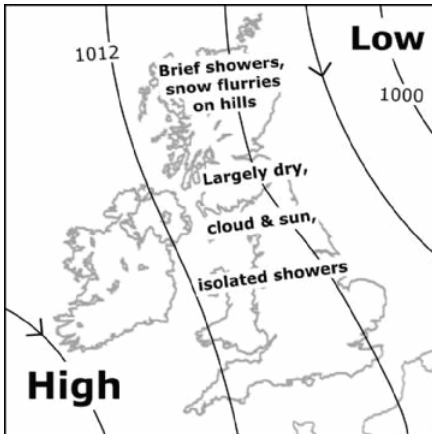
Lake District

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General Summary for Friday, 15 May, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 15 May, 2026

Remaining cold, near to freezing all day on higher tops. Strongest northwesterly winds in the morning and toward eastern Scotland giving significant chill factor. A scattering of mostly brief showers with snow and hail, less intense than recent days. Cloud lifting above many summits, occasional sun.

Headline for Lake District

Chilly and breezy. Isolated showers.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 15 May, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	North to northwesterly 25 to 30mph at dawn. Easing a little, typically around 20mph middle of day onward, or less in places well inland.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery start to the day, with considerable wind chill and some buffeting, becoming smaller, but still blustery and cool around high tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	A few brief showers One or two brief showers near coast in morning, then mainly inland and toward east by afternoon, but many places often dry. Chance of brief hail.
Cloud on the hills?	Patches lifting above tops Cloud banks mostly western tops early in the day, may come and go for a few hours, but bases rising and clearing above most tops by middle of day onward.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70% rising to 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sun, best early morning inland, then improving in coastal areas afternoon. Visibility excellent, briefly lowering in local showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Close to 0C at dawn, lifting to +3 or 4C. Feeling near -10C directly in early wind.
Freezing Level	700-800m at dawn, but lifting above the tops.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 16 May	Sunday 17 May
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly 10-15mph, increasing gradually to southwesterly 15-20mph, later in day 20-25mph. Mostly small, but starting to feeling more noticeably breezy later.	Southwesterly 20 to 25mph, at times 30mph higher fells. Starting to affect comfortable walking in exposure on higher tops. Marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	A little rain mainly later Rare brief showers passing eastwards, otherwise many hours likely dry. Then increasing risk of patchy rain moving in from west, more persistent into evening.	Showers develop but move east A little showery rain toward west early morning, then odd showers forming inland, increasing risk of heavier showers middle of day into afternoon, but these then tending to clear eastwards with time.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly little, then lowering later Patchy cloud banks form on some slopes in morning, mainly western areas, lifting and clearing. Later in day, cloud banks form on tops as rain develops, filling in over higher fells.	Occasional patches, largely clearing Banks of cloud around higher fells mostly in west and south in morning. Lifting to upper slopes or breaking above, briefly lowering around showers, then increasingly clearing afternoon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80% dropping to 40% toward evening.	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine best early in day, high cloud tends to thicken from west to cover the sky. Visibility excellent.	A little sun breaking through; sun developing more near coast later afternoon. Visibility very good, but reduced in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	1C rising to 5C afternoon. 800-900m plus frost inland valleys at dawn. Rising by middle of day above freezing to highest tops.	3C rising to 6C. Wind chill feeling like -2 to -5C on high tops. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 16 May, 2026**

A shift toward west-southwesterly over the weekend brings a gradual rise of temperature. A mixed weather story with some rain and lowering cloud moving in from the west into Saturday afternoon. By Sunday and Monday, some showery rain, passing eastwards during the daytimes, generally improving afternoons in western areas. Risk by later Monday of rain moving into Wales from the southwest. Damp south-southwesterlies then prevail for a few days next week, with rain at times Tuesday and Wednesday, most on western hills, particularly Scotland. A drier and warmer theme later in the week as higher pressure builds.

Forecast issued at 16:15 on Thursday, 14 May, 2026

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