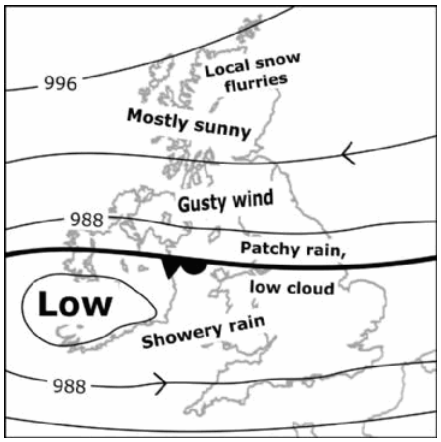
Lake District

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 Thursday, 19 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 19 November, 2026

Chilly but fine for much of the Highlands, local snow showers moving inland from the Moray Firth. Brisk easterly winds for Scotland and northern England. Murky with rain over the Pennines, snow higher tops, drier for Lake District. Low cloud for east Wales, clearer west; showery in south Wales.

Headline for Lake District

Strong gusty wind; a little light rain or snow tops, patchy cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 19 November, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	East-northeasterly 25 to 30mph, some gusty spots 35mph in the morning.
Effect of wind on you?	**Starting to affect comfortable walking, more strenuous around some tops, buffeting gusts at times mainly morning. Considerable wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**A little rain or snow on high fells** Patchy light rain, snow flurries above 700m, most frequent north and eastern Lakes, may persist over an hour or so, tending to clear southwards during day.
Cloud on the hills?	**Most persistent east, improving during day** Covering many higher slopes in the morning, some more persistent banks to mid-elevations north and eastern Lakes, but tending to lift and increasingly break up as the day goes on. Some patches may come and go on high tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**30% rising to 60%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy start, some weak sun breaking through, mostly western Lakes. Some haze, then visibility very good.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 to 2C, coldest northeast fells. Feeling like -10C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Lowering from north to 800m, but further south and west may be just above freezing up to higher slopes much of day.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 20 November	Saturday 21 November
How windy? (On the summits) **Effect of wind on you?**	Easterly 20mph, tending to drop through the day, to 10mph during afternoon, turning north-northeasterly. **Small effect on walking, but feeling noticeably chilly in exposure in the morning.**	Variable direction below 10mph. Later rising east-southeasterly 15-25mph, may rise further after dark. **Mostly small, but feeling more noticeably chilly in exposure later as wind strengthens.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Precipitation unlikely** Chance of an isolated brief snow flurry coming in from the northeast.	**No precipitation expected**
Cloud on the hills? **Chance of cloud free summits?**	**Mostly little** Patchy cloud drifting onto higher tops mainly from Skiddaw to Helvellyn groups occasionally, mainly in the morning, but rare elsewhere. **80%**	**None expected** **Above 90%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Frequently sunny. Visibility excellent.	Extensive sunshine and superb visibility. Patchy fog in some valleys.
How Cold? (at 750m) **Freezing Level**	Around 0C. Feeling like -7C if exposed to wind early in the day. 700-800m, rising slightly higher during the day particularly south and western fells.	Around 0C. Much terrain frozen in morning, all day to some lower slopes out of sunlight. Otherwise lifting to 700-800m.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 20 November, 2026

Staying below freezing over Scottish mountains into the weekend and next week, varying around freezing for tops in northern England, at times milder for Wales. Frost common into valleys and glens. A few snow showers in northeastern Scotland on Friday, otherwise plenty of dry weather and sunshine into the weekend; patchy fog on some low ground. A risk of rain moving into Wales into Sunday, may fall as snow on hills. Light winds for most places on Saturday, then stronger east-southeasterlies on Sunday, which may bring cloud onto some eastern hills. Next week sees weather systems pushing in from the Atlantic with some strong winds, rain and hill snow in the outlook.

Forecast issued at 14:34 on Wednesday, 18 November, 2026

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