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Lake District

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General Summary for Friday, 13 October, 2023



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 October, 2023

Gales across Scottish mountains, severe over higher terrain. Cold westerlies bring showers to the West & Northwest Highlands, falling as snow on high tops, risk of hail. Mostly dry eastern Scotland. Heavy overnight rain for England and Wales will break up from the north to leave sunnier skies, soonest for the Lakes.

Headline for Lake District

Increasingly windy on tops. Rain at first clearing.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 13 October, 2023

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 25 to 35mph, speeds generally strengthening, peaking into afternoon and evening, reaching 40mph higher fells by dusk.	
Effect of wind on you?	Increasingly blustery conditions, buffeting on higher terrain by afternoon likely to affect comfortable walking and balance on ridges. Marked wind chill.	
How wet?	Early rain clearing, then dry	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Rain overnight and around dawn - the worst of this rain system passes further to the south. Clearing away southwards in morning. Then mostly dry, chance of an isolated brief shower.	
Cloud on the hills?	Lifting to tops, may clear most areas	
	Varied low cloud across the fells around early rain. This lifting and breaking up to leave patches confined to upper slopes in the west by middle of day onward. Breaks to many tops.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% rising to 60%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A veil of high cloud early in the day likely to clear to leave a patchwork of sun. Visibility excellent, but poor if in early rain.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	5 or 6C, briefly higher around dawn in south; then dropping to 3C from dusk. Wind chill feeling like -5C or below on high tops.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits	





Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 14 October	Sunday 15 October
How windy? (On the summits)	West to northwesterly 25 to 35mph.	Northwesterly 15 to 20mph, at times 25mph higher tops mainly northern fells.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery over the fells, will impede comfortable movement over exposed ridges. Significant wind chill on high tops.	Fairly small effect on walking, but marked wind chill where exposed on higher fells.
How wet?	Showers mostly west, snow high tops	Rain unlikely
(Precipitation and its impact)	Often just brief showers, some eastern areas largely dry. Risk of showers running inland from the Irish Sea for a few hours, focused on western areas; falling as snow flurries on higher summits, possible hail.	Small chance of an isolated light shower drifting onto westernmost fells.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied over higher tops	Mostly very little
	Banks of cloud likely to come and go over higher fells, most common toward the west in the morning. More often clearing further east and into the afternoon. Patches lowering around showers.	A few patches of cloud may graze across higher fells in the morning, mainly western Lakeland. Most fells clear all day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of sun, best eastern Lakes. Visibility mostly very good, locally reduced in showers.	Mostly sunny. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2 or 3C. Wind chill feeling like -7 to -10C on higher tops.	1C rising to 4C. Wind chill feeling like -5 to -8C on higher tops, coldest in morning.
Freezing Level	Close to freezing point on highest summits, plus slight frost in valleys at dawn and then more widely frosty	Close to freezing on highest tops early morning, then rising. Also frost in many valleys at dawn.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 14 October, 2023

Cold across all mountains into the weekend - a widespread drop of freezing level will leave all Munros sub-zero and high tops in England and Wales close to freezing. Prepare for significant wind chill factor. Showers falling as snow or hail, focused toward the north and west on Saturday, likely to give slight accumulations on some Scottish tops. Drier by Sunday with lighter winds, broken cloud, sunshine and excellent visibility. Overnight frost this weekend in valleys and glens. Largely dry into next week, staying cool but less cold. Gusty southeasterly winds are likely to develop midweek onward. Remaining wet underfoot following recent rainfall.

Forecast issued at 16:42 on Thursday, 12 October, 2023

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