

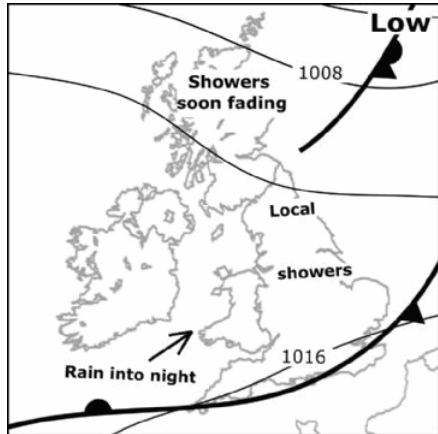
Lake District

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, 19 March, 2024



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 19 March, 2024
Upland gales for the Highlands in the morning will ease. Early heavy bursts of rain clearing eastwards to leave often drier conditions. Variable cloud amounts, most persistent over western mountains, but lifting with some breaks forming.

Headline for Lake District
Strong winds easing. Isolated showers.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 19 March, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 25 to 30mph, easing to westerly 15 to 20mph in afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery morning with some buffeting at times, but easing down in the afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional showers, mainly morning. A few drizzly showers through the day, but in the morning these perhaps heavier for a time.
Cloud on the hills?	Cloud lifting, but often still capping tops. Extensive hill fog likely from mid to upper slopes early in the morning. However bases will gradually rise, and by afternoon become confined to the tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20% lifting to 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloudy morning, patchy sun in the afternoon. Visibility poor at times in morning drizzly showers, but otherwise very good.
How Cold? (at 750m)	5C. Wind chill feeling like -5C in stronger winds.
Freezing Level	Above the tops

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 20 March	Thursday 21 March
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Northwesterly or variable 5 to 10mph or at times no wind. Small	West to southwesterly 40 to 55mph, stronger gusts possible over exposed higher terrain. Arduous conditions over the fells, in places mobility challenging where exposed. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Steady rain in morning, drier afternoon. A damp morning with light to moderate rain, sleet tops. However, in the afternoon the rain will tend to ease and fizzle out from the west.	Heavy rain developing Rain sweeping in from the west, becoming continuous and likely heavier as the day progresses. By evening into night, breaking up into showers.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Extensive, but improving in afternoon. Extensive hill fog in the morning, patches down to lowest slopes. Into the afternoon, as rain eases off, bases will lift and break, but banks may remain at varying heights. 30%	Increasingly extensive Shrouding most tops, but likely to lower further during the day, especially in west. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly overcast, may brighten up in the afternoon. Visibility often poor due to rain, tending to improve in the afternoon.	Mostly cloudy, hazy. Visibility reduced further in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	Around 2C Just above the highest tops	4 to 6C. Wind chill feeling like -6 to -8C on tops. Above the summits. Then into night, starting to drop toward freezing on highest tops.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 20 March, 2024

Mixed westerly patterns prevail this week, but turning northwesterly toward the weekend allowing much colder air to move in - dropping extensively below freezing point over all British mountains for several days. Fresh upland snowfalls, concentrated toward the west and north of the Highlands, including heavy showers with hail.

A period of sustained gales over the tops late this week and likely into the weekend - severe gales over Scottish tops on Thursday at least; significant or at times severe wind chill factor.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Monday, 18 March, 2024

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