

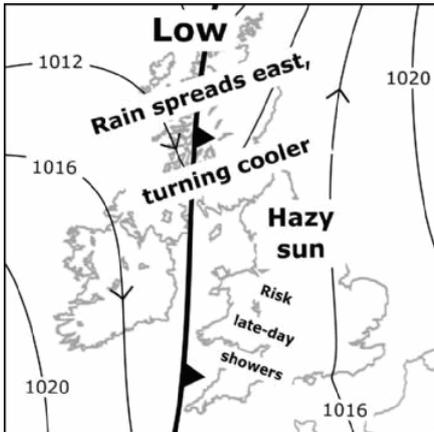
# Lake District

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, 5 March, 2026



### British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 5 March, 2026

A slow-moving front from the west brings rain and low cloud to western Scotland, turning to snow on tops as colder air arrives; freezing level later below 800m. Patchy rain encroaching further into Cumbria with time. Some heavier thundery bursts possible in Wales. Strong southerlies ease and turn W-NW'ly.

### Headline for Lake District

Blustery start, easing; patchy sun though hazy, risk rain later

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 5 March, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly 25-35mph from dawn, gradually easing, 15-20mph by evening. Shifting northwesterly and strengthening after nightfall.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Strenuous walking and feeling chilly in exposure in the morning, slowly improving, likely becomes fairly small for a least a few hours, but deteriorating after nightfall.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Only odd patches, a risk of more rain late in the day</b> A few patches of rain drifting onto the fells from the south from time to time, though many fells stay dry through the morning and perhaps into afternoon as well, though an increasing risk of rain arriving from the west with time.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly high terrain early, deteriorating afternoon</b> From dawn, cloud covers most terrain above 800m, lower bases southern fells, also some scattered patches to lower slopes more widely (these soon dissipating). Northeast Lakeland starts largely cloud-free. May improve briefly to just higher terrain, but then becoming more extensive as rain arrives.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>50%, lowering to 20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Some patchy weak sun, trending overcast. Visibility will be limited by haze.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	5 or 6C. Will begin to drop later afternoon, by several degrees overnight, possibly to freezing or lower. Feeling like -5C early in direct wind, improving.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 6 March	Saturday 7 March
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Northeasterly 15-20mph from dawn, easing into a lull through morning and staying light the rest of the day. <b>Negligible.</b>	Southeasterly 15 to 20mph, local gusty spots around higher western fells. <b>Fairly small.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Chance light precipitation</b> Early light precipitation, snow on the tops with a mix of sleet and rain to lower slopes. The precipitation may fade, though a risk of lingering into afternoon, though staying light.	<b>Precipitation not expected</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Mostly early, improving</b>  Many fells in cloud above 600-700m in the morning though some local variability is likely, including some mist in sheltered valleys. Cloud likely lifts and breaks, best chance in the northwest, though may linger for longer.  <b>30% rising to 70%</b>	<b>Local patches, lifting</b>  Some cloud banks mostly early in day over mid to upper slopes in south Lakes, likely to lift higher up and increasingly clear.  <b>70%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	A few glimpses of sun from dawn, cloud fading for afternoon sunshine, best chance northwest. Very good visibility.	Cloud breaking to give occasional sun. Visibility excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-1 or 0C, may rise a degree later in the day, then rising overnight.  600-700m, though local frosts in sheltered valleys too. Rising to high tops later, lifting off the summits overnight.	4C, but some spots slightly colder in the morning.  Above freezing overall, but some upper slopes may start close to freezing, plus patchy frost some valleys at dawn.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 6 March, 2026

Higher pressure extends back across the country to bring dry conditions on Saturday, feeling mild in sunshine by day after a chilly start. More cloud by Sunday as weak fronts encroach in from the west, some drizzly rain moving into western Scotland. Patchy rain likely in the west at least early in the new week, likely dropping back just below freezing on the Munros for a time with some snowfall on higher areas. Winds fairly light early week, then a risk of strengthening southwesterlies later in the week; changeable weather conditions with spells of rain coming in from the Atlantic. Remaining old snow cover on Scottish mountains stays largely consolidated with little change, only very patchy snow remains around highest tops in England and Wales.

### Forecast issued at 16:13 on Wednesday, 4 March, 2026

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