

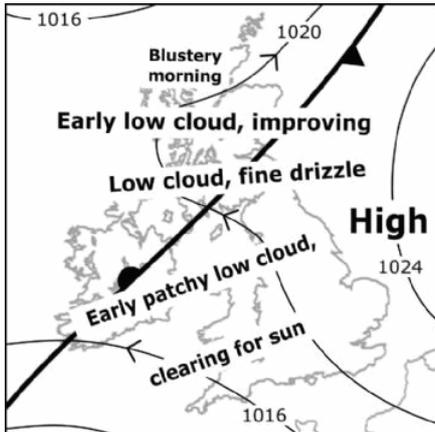
Lake District

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 Wednesday, 18 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 18 March, 2026

Patchy low cloud across many hills early, lifting and fading, particularly away from west coasts; sun breaking out. A weak front lingers over south Scotland, maintaining low cloud and some light spotty drizzle. Light wind, though a blustery morning in the north Scottish highlands; breezy in south Wales too.

Headline for Lake District

Some early low cloud, improving, clearest northeast Lakes

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 18 March, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	At dawn, gusty southwesterly 10-20mph, shifting southerly and easing to 10mph or less, perhaps a lull.
Effect of wind on you?	Some inconvenient gusts in exposure early in the day, but effects soon ease to small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Likely dry A few spots of light rain may affect the fells from Grasmoor to Skiddaw in the morning, though likely none at all.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly high terrain, particularly west, high summit breaks likely Banks of cloud at various heights in the morning, lifting after sunrise, largely to 800m and up, and increasingly broken. Helvellyn to Blencathra may be substantially clear for most of the day, including the morning.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80% east, 60% west
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Increasing sunshine with time, particularly east, some scattered high cloud may weaken the sun for periods. Good visibility, some haze around.
How Cold? (at 750m)	6C lifting to 10C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 19 March	Friday 20 March
How windy? (On the summits)	Variable less than 10mph.	Southerly or variable 10mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible.	Small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation unlikely	Precipitation not expected
Cloud on the hills?	Some banks over high fells Some early valley fog, this lifting and largely dissipating after sunrise. Odd banks further up the hill too, these also lifting, to just fleeing patches drifting over the high fells for most of the day.	Mostly little Patchy fog in valleys from dawn, possible patchy cloud forming around some hill slopes for a time, but tending to lift above tops or largely disperse into middle of day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often sunny, though weakened by high cloud. Visibility will be limited by a haze.	Partly cloudy, then increasingly sunny. Visibility very good, some haze lower down.
How Cold? (at 750m)	8 or 9C, only slight change with added height.	Around 7C, some cooler spots at first, then some slightly warmer spots by afternoon.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits, but slight frost in valleys and some sheltered higher areas at dawn.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 19 March, 2026**

Fairly widely settled conditions across the country later this week. Some cloud and spotty light rain lingers in north England/south Scotland for a few days, elsewhere becoming mostly sunny; valley fog in many lowland areas early, lifting and dissipating after sunrise for clear hills. Generally milder temperatures and light wind but the occasional stronger gust. The weekend is anticipated to be settled as well, with a mix of cloud and sun, early low cloud lifting and clearing many mountains, only occasional spots of rain in the far northwest of Scotland. A spell of more unsettled weather expected next week, with stronger wind, precipitation, and colder temperatures.

Forecast issued at 15:05 on Tuesday, 17 March, 2026

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