

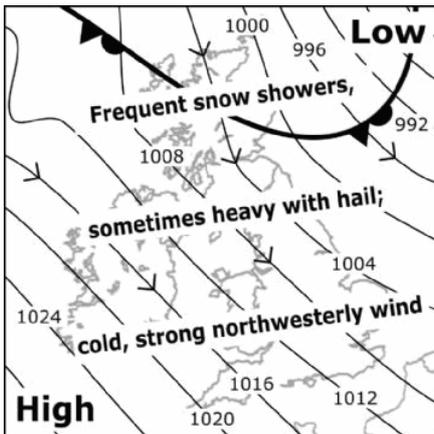
# Lake District

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, 25 March, 2026



### British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 25 March, 2026

Widespread hail and snow showers, at times heavy with a risk of isolated lightning. Fewer showers in the N Pennines and southeast Scotland for a few morning hours, but returning afternoon. Gales widespread as well with sudden strong gusts, easing only slightly in Scotland. Cold, staying below freezing above 500-600m.

### Headline for Lake District

Frequent snow and hail showers, most west; gales

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 25 March, 2026

<p><b>How windy? (On the summits)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>Northwesterly 40 to 45mph, varying speeds with squally gusts around showers, to 50mph; sustained speeds to 50mph on southern fells possible. Later in the day, speeds will trend lower in the north, 30-35mph north and eastern fells after dark.</p> <p><b>Walking arduous most of the day with significant wind chill, often challenging in exposure during sudden strong gusts, requiring bracing to maintain stability. Conditions slightly improving late in the day.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Frequent hail and snow</b></p> <p>Showery snow and hail falling to lower slopes, frequent to at times near-constant over coastal areas in the west, but extending across all the region; risk of isolated thunder &amp; lightning.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p> <p><b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b></p>	<p><b>Varying over tops</b></p> <p>Cloud base constantly changing, will come and go all day above 800-900m, frequently capping high tops toward coast, patches at times to 600m. Clearing tops for periods.</p> <p><b>40%</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Bursts of bright sunshine.</p> <p>Visibility intermittently very good, but appalling for periods in showers with brief whiteout over tops.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>-1 or -2C, slight rise into afternoon, locally to 0C.</p> <p>Wind chill feeling like -15C or colder on high tops.</p> <p>500m from dawn, lifting to 700m, slightly higher away from showers.</p>

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 26 March	Friday 27 March
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	North-northwesterly 20-30mph, shifting westerly and easing, 15mph, restrengthening into night. <b>Walking impeded with balance challenges on high exposed ridges early. Easing to fairly small effects.</b>	Westerly 20-30mph, up to 35mph early in the day; some notable gusts over high tops and ridges. <b>Walking impeded in exposure, buffeting gusts affecting stability, particularly early. Feeling increasingly chilly.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Substantially dry during daylight</b> Some spotty rain falls on the fells afternoon, some snow/refrozen rain mixed in, most fells likely stay dry. Evening into night, patches increase in frequency and turn to rain to tops.	<b>Early rain soon breaks, few showers later</b> Persistent rain from overnight lingers into the morning, patchy east of Helvellyn. Rain breaks through the morning, dry for several hours, then a few scattered showers follow, falling as snow on the tops.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Clear morning, cloud lowers through afternoon</b> The occasional cloud patch may graze the high fell tops, but most hills free of cloud through morning. A deck of cloud lowers onto the tops afternoon, further lowering and becoming extensive into night. <b>90%, lowering to 30%</b>	<b>Extensive from dawn, lifting to high summits</b> Extensive cloud from before dawn, likely 500m and upward. A breaking trend through morning as rain eases, some ragged patches linger but gradually clearing most slopes below 800m, often higher, though highest western summits may only briefly clear. <b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine early, high cloud gradually fills in from the west, trending overcast. Excellent visibility.	Overcast early, patchy sunshine gradually breaking out. Visibility improving, mostly good, though a slight haze to the west.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-2C, gradually rising, to 0C evening, then several degrees higher overnight. Feeling like -10 to -13C in early wind. 400-600m, some lower frosts likely too. A slight rise, then sharply lifting above the summits evening into night.	4C at dawn, sharply dropping a few degrees morning, settling at 0C by dusk. Later, feeling like -10C in wind. Above the summits at dawn, lowering onto just the highest tops for noontime, to 700-800m around nightfall.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 26 March, 2026

Thursday starts chilly with clear skies for many, snow then rain moves into western areas with time. Strong northwesterly winds prevail as the weekend starts, brining cooler temperatures and a mix of showers and sun across most areas, the showers likely snowy to middle elevations with some hail mixed in. The cool, spring-like conditions will allow showers to become heavier and more widespread in the afternoon. Sunday into next week sees high pressure southwest of the country, producing drier weather with sun breaks, a trend towards milder temperatures too, but several low pressure systems to the north draw bands of rain eastward, mostly affecting Scotland, occasionally northern England and Wales. A risk of cooler northerly winds re-establishing later in the week, though detail is uncertain.

### Forecast issued at 15:40 on Tuesday, 24 March, 2026

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