

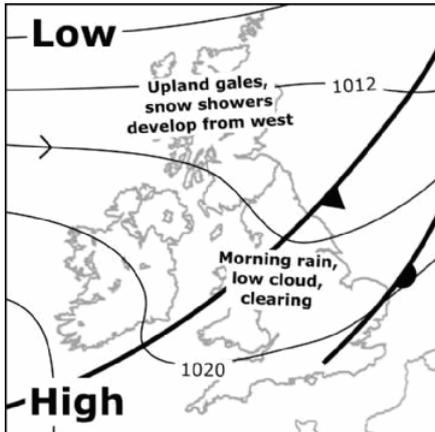
# Lake District

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## General Summary for Friday, 27 March, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 27 March, 2026**

Wind strengthens across Scottish mountains to gale-force, significant chill factor. A dry morning central-eastern Highlands, but snow showers in the west develop widely and become heavier with hail. Early rain clears southeastward over England, cloud lifts and breaks; slower to improve southward across Wales.

### Headline for Lake District

Moderate winds, increasing later. Rain clears, showers later.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 27 March, 2026

<p><b>How windy? (On the summits)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>Westerly 30-35mph up to dawn, but soon dropping into range 15-25mph; a strengthening trend again during afternoon, reaching 30-35mph dusk onward, 40mph after dark.</p> <p><b>Fairly small most of the day, but feeling noticeably more blustery late afternoon, with walking impeded on tops up to dusk, feeling increasingly chilly.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Early rain soon breaks, snow showers later</b></p> <p>Persistent rain from overnight (heaviest in west) lingers an hour or so from dawn, fading in the morning to be dry for several hours. Then a few scattered showers follow from the west in afternoon, falling as snow above 600m.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p> <p><b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b></p>	<p><b>Lifting in morning to high summits</b></p> <p>Extensive cloud from before dawn, but soon a breaking trend in morning as rain eases; some ragged patches linger but gradually clearing most slopes below 800m, increasing breaks to tops, some patches come and go.</p> <p><b>30% rising to 70%</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Overcast start, patchy sunshine gradually breaking out, broken cloud. Visibility improving to become very good, slight haze in west.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>4C at dawn, tending to drop, 2C in middle of day, nearer 0C by dusk. Where exposed to wind, feeling like -5C, to later -10C as speed increases.</p> <p>Above the summits at dawn, lowering onto just the highest tops around midday, to 700-800m by later afternoon to dusk.</p>

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	<b>Saturday 28 March</b>	<b>Sunday 29 March</b>
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Westerly 35 to 45mph, squally gusts. A brief lessening by evening-night, then gales then likely return later in night. <b>Strenuous walking over the fells, frequent buffeting affecting balance. Significant wind chill.</b>	Southwesterly 55-70mph with stronger gusts dawn into morning, then westerly 40-50mph into afternoon, squally gusts. <b>Severe conditions for a time, remaining difficult on higher fells, mobility challenging in exposure. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Hail and snow showers</b> Showers most frequent west Lakeland from dawn, but extending inland and eastwards, brief hail, snow falling in morning to some lower elevations, with time mostly rain below 600m. Fewer and lighter showers afternoon.	<b>Rain soon heavy, later showery</b> A swathe of rain moving in from west soon from dawn, possible sleet or brief snow on tops. A more intense band moving southeastwards into middle of day. Then showery rain, later snow high tops.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Varied over tops, lifting higher</b>  Varied cloud capping higher slopes in the morning above 600-800m, lowest around showers in western areas. Lifting above higher slopes increasingly often into afternoon.	<b>Extensive, lowest in rain, rising later</b>  Covering the higher fells fairly widely, lowering to 500-600m particularly south and west in rain. Then rising later in day with some breaks forming to tops.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>30% rising to 60%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of cloud and sun. Visibility often very good, but reduced at times to briefly very poor in showers.	Largely cloudy, late bursts of sun develop. Visibility very poor in rain, improving later to intermittently very good out of showers.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-1C rising to +1 or 2C afternoon. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C.  600-700m in morning, plus frost in sheltered glens around dawn, rising just above freezing to highest tops afternoon.	2 or 3C. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C.  Rising from before dawn to be above freezing to the tops. May start to drop back toward highest summits late in day.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 28 March, 2026**

Changeable westerlies prevail onward into early next week, continuing gales over most high terrain. Below freezing on Scottish mountains above 700-800m into Monday with snow showers; higher freezing level further south, above the tops in Wales with mostly drizzly rain here. Milder air lifts above freezing to all tops into Tuesday with low cloud, drizzle and rain, most persistent west-northwest Scotland. Mixed conditions likely continue, but some windows of better weather mid-late in the week - temperatures vary above and just below freezing on Scottish tops. Potential for cold conditions again early April, but drier conditions possibly more common by then.

**Forecast issued at 15:10 on Thursday, 26 March, 2026**

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