

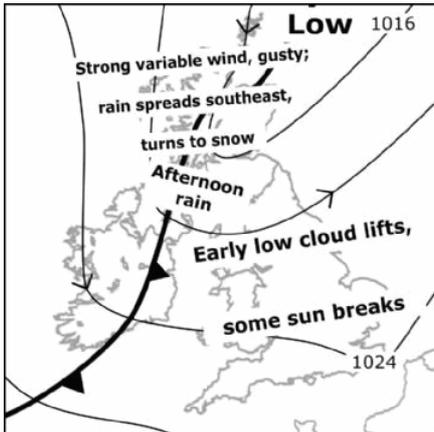
Lake District

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General Summary for Wednesday, 1 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 1 April, 2026

Rain spreads across Scottish Highlands from the northwest, turning to snow as temperature sharply drops. Strong, variable wind here with gale-force gusts. Early hill cloud England and Wales lifts, best breaks east for some sun glimpses. Patchy rain into Snowdonia, Lakeland, and N Pennines late in the day.

Headline for Lake District

Becoming windy with time; rain arrives later afternoon

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 1 April, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 20 to 30mph, tending to strengthen, to gusty 35mph in places. By evening, a general westerly shift, sustained speeds reaching 40mph with stronger gusts.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery, buffeting gusts develop around some higher fells, local downslope gusts to east, walking becoming arduous by later in the day with significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain sets in for several hours later afternoon Scattered drizzly showers, but many hours likely dry. Increasing risk through afternoon of patchy rain moving in from northwest, setting in persistently and heavy for several hours, most likely later afternoon.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Often covering high tops, lowest bases west Covering higher fells much of the day, lowest and most persistent in west and southwest Lakes, typical base 600-800m. Some breaks higher up eastward, perhaps odd breaks Blencathra to Helvellyn. As afternoon goes, filling in extensively to at least middle slopes with precipitation. 30%, lowering to below 10% later afternoon
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, local brighter moments eastward, glimpses of sun north/east Lakes. Visibility good below cloud, but reduced around patchy rain.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	4 or 5C, may rise to 6C for a time afternoon. A sharp drop evening into night, to below freezing. Feeling like to -5C in exposure on tops. Above the summits.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 2 April	Friday 3 April
How windy? (On the summits)	Variable 10mph or less, shifting southwesterly later, 15-20mph.	Southwesterly 30-45mph, powerful gusts, including downslope to the east, and may strengthen further.
Effect of wind on you?	Small	Conditions often arduous in exposure, feeling chilly despite mild temperatures, mobility may become challenging later.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Likely dry	Periods of rain Rain will come and go across the fells, generally patchy in nature, though may set in for periods on western fells. Some chance of a drier window for a few hours, but western fells may stay damp.
Cloud on the hills?	Early fog, lifting for clear summits Fog on many slopes above 600m at dawn, most extensive north and east. Lifting and breaking through morning to mostly just patches on the summits, clearing the summits afternoon.	Fairly extensive, some breaks During periods of rain, cloud will shroud the fells widely to middle slopes, down to lower slopes on western aspects. Breaks up towards 600m in the east during cessations in the rain, and some chance of higher breaks for a few hours.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Rising to 60%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine increasingly extensive. Very good visibility.	Often overcast, but a few brighter windows with glimpses of sun are possible. Mixed visibility, often poor in rain (particularly west), but occasionally good.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-2C at dawn, lifting to +1C.	+1 or 2C early, lifting, up to 7C for a time, perhaps staying elevated into evening. Feeling like -7 to -10C in direct wind.
Freezing Level	500-600m, though some frosts probable in valleys too. Lifting towards 700-800m.	Above the summits, likely all day, but may lower to the high summits as evening approaches.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 2 April, 2026**

A brief lull in unsettled weather on Thursday with mostly dry, sunny conditions and lighter wind. Atlantic weather patterns and west-southwesterly winds follow behind on Friday and into the Easter weekend, but day-to-day detail is uncertain. Temperature and wind will be variable, periods of gales and possibly often cold over the mountains with snow and hail showers at times to lower elevations at least in Scotland, sometimes more widely. Precipitation generally most frequent west and northwest, though bands of heavy rain will sweep east at times. Some brief windows of drier and brighter conditions, as well as milder days in England and Wales, occasionally milder Scotland too, but soon followed by more Atlantic low pressure.

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