

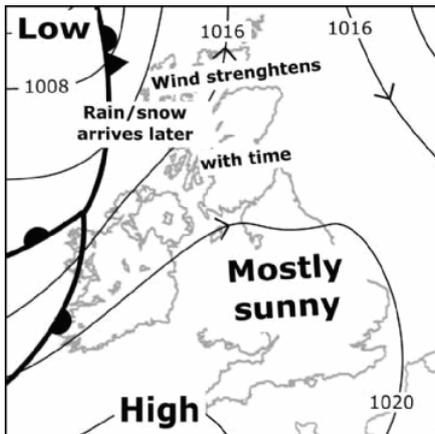
Lake District

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, 2 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 2 April, 2026

Patchy cloud lingering on upper hills at dawn, clearing for several hours of sunshine and light wind. Wind begins strengthening from the west in Scotland, high cloud builds, with rain and snow arriving and spreading into central Scotland by evening. England and Wales stay dry, small increase in wind and high cloud later.

Headline for Lake District

Mostly sunny; light wind, beginning to strengthen afternoon

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 2 April, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Variable 10mph or less through morning. Through afternoon, shifting southwesterly and strengthening, 20-25mph by nightfall, some stronger gusts over high tops and passes.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No precipitation during daylight Rain arrives from the west after nightfall.
Cloud on the hills?	Patchy early fog clears for cloud-free fells Early fog patches on some slopes, mostly above 600-700m at dawn, soon breaking through morning to leave the fells clear of cloud. The odd patch may occasionally graze the high summits.
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive sun, some thin high cloud from the west with time. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-2C at dawn, lifting to +1C.
Freezing Level	400-600m at dawn, though some frosts probable in valleys too, the lowest freezing levels in north Lakeland. Lifting to 700-800m, to above summits overnight.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 3 April	Saturday 4 April
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 30-35mph, notable gusts likely, and stronger winds early and late in the day, up to 50mph. Strenuous walking much of the day on high exposed terrain with wind chill, mobility more challenging morning and evening.	Soon southerly, briefly below 20mph early in day, but rapid increase to 40-60mph afternoon, later 70mph+ higher falls. Small early in day, but likely deteriorating significantly during daytime - with time any mobility increasingly difficult.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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 few drier windows, but western slopes likely staying damp/drizzly.	Rain setting in Likely dry start, perhaps for a few hours in morning, but patchy rain developing to become increasingly persistent for a time, then leaving drizzly conditions at least over south and western fells. Further heavy rain likely later.
Cloud on the hills?	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.	Lowering extensively Patchy cloud mostly around southern fells in the morning, many fells may be clear for a time. Increasingly lowering across the fells as rain develops, filling in to lower elevations near coast in south/west.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	50% dropping to 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often overcast, but a few brighter windows with glimpses of sun are possible. Mixed visibility, often poor in rain (particularly west), but occasionally good.	Any weak early sun soon giving way to overcast skies. Visibility starts very good, then reducing to be poor.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	Notable variability, 3 to 6C much of the day. Feeling as cold as -10C in strongest wind. Above the summits, lowering later afternoon to 700-800m, lowest west.	-1C at first, rising to +4C afternoon, then dropping to again into night to 0C. Feeling like -10C or below as wind strengthens. 600m plus slight frost some valleys up to dawn. Rising above all summits by noon. Into night, dropping back to 700-800m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 3 April, 2026**

Atlantic weather patterns and generally westerly wind will be dominant in the foreseeable future. The weekend ahead is increasingly unsettled, widespread gales on Easter with storm-force wind in Scotland, cooler temperatures, and showers west. Into next week, 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 systems.

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