

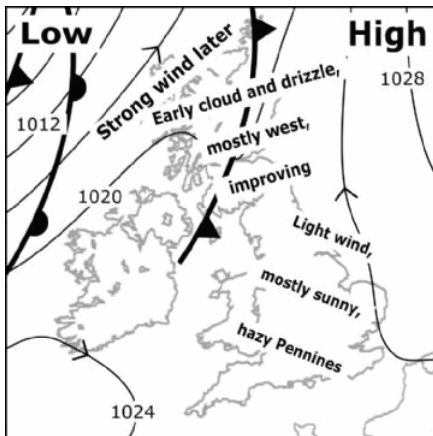
# Lake District

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, 8 April, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 8 April, 2026**

Light wind and warm England and Wales; mostly clear hills and often sunny; some haze weakens visibility, notably Pennines. Some hill-cloud lingers in Lakeland. Morning cloud and summit drizzle west/central Scotland, cloud moves east but an improving trend; wind strengthens northwest, cooler here too.

### Headline for Lake District

Variable cloud, mostly around high terrain; feeling warm

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 8 April, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly 10 to 15mph, speed may vary, tending to increase a little later in day, sustained speeds of 20mph over tops around dusk with stronger gusts.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Mostly small.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain unlikely</b> Small chance of a few odd spots of light rain, but the fells likely entirely dry.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Variable cloud, mostly high terrain</b> At dawn, patchy banks of cloud above 700m, the lowest bases on southwest fells, to 500-600m at first. Bases will rise to largely above 700m, cloud banks variably coming and going, often covering high tops and western terrain, but some breaks probable too. Best breaks to the east.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	A mix of cloud and sunshine. Visibility good but a haze.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	9 or 10C; little change with elevation in the morning.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 9 April	Friday 10 April
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southwesterly 20-30mph, shifting westerly and strengthening, 35-40mph by dusk, gusts up to 45mph highest summits. <b>Walking increasingly strenuous with significant wind chill in exposure, gusts over high tops challenging stability.</b>	Southwesterly 15-20mph at dawn, shifting southerly and strengthening, reaching 40-45mph by dusk. <b>Fairly small at dawn, but walking increasingly impeded, arduous conditions with significant wind chill by dusk.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Morning rain, afternoon showers</b> Drizzle on high terrain at dawn soon turns to several hours of rain. Rain turns to shower afternoon, snow falling from 500m upward. Some hail too in the west.	<b>Rain arrives afternoon</b> A dry morning, then some rain arriving afternoon, generally patchy in nature, but may set in for periods on south and western fells.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Extensive early, rising to high terrain, some breaks</b> Fairly extensive across high terrain through morning, lowest bases on western fells, to 500m facing the coast. Lifting and breaking as rain turns to showers, patches clinging to fells above 800m, and lower bases in showers, but trending towards breaks off tops later. <b>20%, rising to 50% afternoon</b>	<b>Mostly just high terrain</b> At dawn, cloud mostly above 700-800m mostly south and west fells, and a few odd lower patches too. A lifting and breaking trend after sunrise, clear periods for the high summits, then variably returning again afternoon during patches of rain. <b>60%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast in the morning with poor visibility in rain. Bursts of bright sun afternoon with very good visibility, best east fells.	Weak sunshine through high cloud, some brighter moments but trending cloudier. Good visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	Around 5C at dawn, soon cooling, settling near 1C. Feeling like -10 to -15C later in wind. Above the summits before dawn, lowering soon after daybreak to 800m.	0C rising to +3C, staying lifted for several hours into night. Later, feeling like -10 to -12 in wind. 600-700m at dawn, possibly an odd local frost in sheltered valleys. Lifting, likely clearing the summits by later afternoon.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 9 April, 2026

Variable weather regimes in the extended forecast. Atlantic west-southwesterly winds will be dominant, with low pressure to the northwest of the country, brining cloud, rain, and mild temperatures, often followed by sun, showers, and cooler temperatures; rain will be increasingly common to the high Munros, but the snowfall level will lower too during periods of cooler weather, and perhaps to high Lakeland fells too, though any snow unlikely to accumulate here.

In the longer term, indications of high pressure increasingly building from the southwest, brining drier, brighter, and milder conditions to England and Wales and occasionally Scotland too, though the risk of occasional rain and cooler temperatures remains.

### Forecast issued at 16:09 on Tuesday, 7 April, 2026

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