

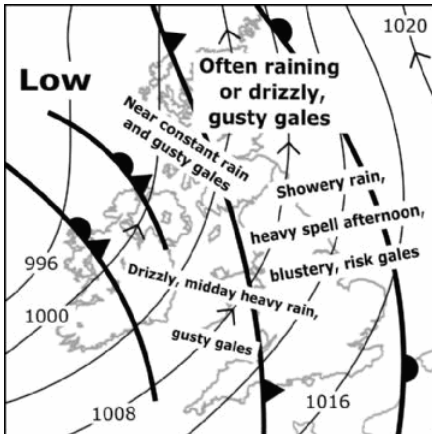
Lake District

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, 15 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 15 April, 2026

Widespread gales, powerful gusts over tops and down northern slopes, severe at times in Scotland, particularly west. Persistent rain for many, brief dry windows east (notably Pennines), then heavy rain sweeps east afternoon, followed by showers, only easing late in the day. Mild air, but feeling cold in wind.

Headline for Lake District

Often raining, sometimes heavily; windy, gale-force gusts

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 15 April, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 35-45mph; very gusty, not just high elevations. Strongest winds western fells, where most powerful gusts approach 55mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous walking with significant wind chill all day, to sometimes challenging conditions, particularly western fells where strongest speeds will make forward progress and maintaining stability difficult.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Often raining, occasional breaks, best northeast Often raining, occasional dry spells, best chance of dry weather northeast Lakeland, though likely staying drizzly over the high fells during breaks in the rain. Later, setting in persistent and heavier for a few hours, a risk of a very heavy fall, breaking into showers to finish the day.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive early, some improvement Extensive at dawn to middle slopes, lower in the south and west where locally to valley level. A lifting trend with time, variable between 500-800m, perhaps an odd higher break; always lowest in the south/west. More extensive again later.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A few glimpses of weak afternoon sun, but otherwise mostly cloudy. Mixed visibility, often poor in cloud/drizzle but very good where out of cloud.
How Cold? (at 750m)	7 or 8C, little change with height from dawn. May rise a degree, but then a rapid cooling as night falls. Feeling as cold as -8C in strongest wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 16 April	Friday 17 April
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 30-40mph, stronger over tops early, risk 50mph briefly. An easing trend, to 25-30mph later in the day. Arduous walking and feeling chilly at dawn, an easing trend, may become fairly small but blustery in exposure.	Southerly 30-35mph, gradually strengthening, tops speeds 45mph later, shifting southwesterly. Blustery in exposure all day, walking increasingly strenuous with notable wind chill, arduous later.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Early drizzle, some showers Drizzly on high terrain at dawn, locally to middle slopes west fells. Showers soon arrive from the west, perhaps frequent for a time, but easing afternoon to sparse drizzly moments.	Patchy rain, setting in heavy for a time Patchy rain from dawn, most often on fells from Coniston to Pillar, gradually increasing in frequency, then setting in for several hours with heavy falls. Breaking again later into showers.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Early cloud improves, most east summits clearing Cloud shrouds most terrain above 700m from dawn, lowest western fells where 500m or lower. Bases lift and cloud trends patchy with time, eastern fells seeing breaks to summits. Western fells slower to clear, perhaps only fleeting clear spells over Scafell. Rising to 50%	Fairly extensive for a time Cloud shrouds the high tops from before dawn, soon lowering to high terrain and filling in more extensively to middle slopes, at least, during rain, lowest southwest fells. Bases rise again later, mostly high terrain and possible breaks. 10%, 30% later
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine increasingly breaking out, a patchwork through afternoon. Visibility increasingly good away from cloud and showers.	Mostly cloudy, dull for several hours as rain sets in with poor visibility. Later, sunny bursts with improved visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	4C rising to 5C. Feeling like -5 to -8C in strongest wind. Above the summits.	5 or 6C. Feeling like -5 to -8C in direct wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 16 April, 2026

Unsettled conditions as the weekend approaches: showery on Thursday (local hail and lightning in Scotland), more rain and often heavy on Friday, accompanied by gusty winds, gales over mountains for periods; some bright spells on Thursday and later Friday too. Temperatures will tend to rise several degrees during daylight, even when cloudy, and often becoming warm in the valleys; slopes north of major hill groups often milder too. Saturday sees continued showers, mostly north and west where staying blustery, but a trend towards higher pressure building through late weekend into early next week. Confidence in detail for oncoming high pressure remains very low: a risk of chilly easterly wind for a time with showers, mostly east and southern areas.

Forecast issued at 16:25 on Tuesday, 14 April, 2026

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