

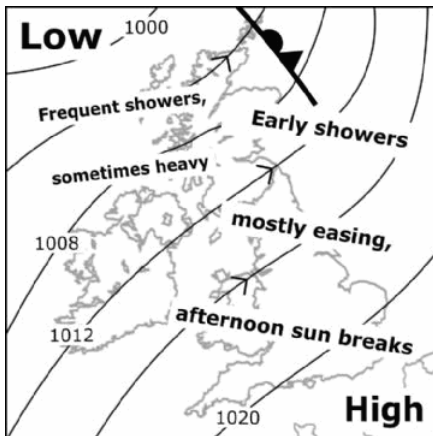
# Lake District

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, 16 April, 2026



**British Mountain Summary:  
Based on forecast chart for noon 16 April, 2026**

Dawn gales over summits of south Scotland and north England, strongest wind moving north, but staying breezy in northern parts of England and Wales. Showers for many in the morning, soon easing with sun breaks, but remaining frequent with heavy bursts in west Scotland; some rain approaches Wales later afternoon.

**Headline for Lake District**

Very windy early, easing; becoming substantially dry

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 16 April, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly 25-35mph much of the day, stronger early, risk 50mph just around dawn over the high tops.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Arduous walking and feeling chilly at and before dawn, an easing trend soon begins, but staying blustery in exposure likely all day, most blustery in the north.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Early drizzle, some showers</b> Frequent showers from before dawn, drizzle on high terrain, lower on some western fells. Through morning, showers and drizzle tending to ease, only scattered drizzly showers afternoon and the fells often dry. Rain sets in from the west overnight.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Early cloud improves, most east summits clearing</b> Cloud shrouds most terrain above 700m from dawn, lowest western fells where 500m or lower. Bases soon lift and cloud trends patchy through morning, eastern fells seeing breaks to summits by midday. Western fells slower to clear, perhaps only fleeting clear spells over Scafell; caps drift over Helvellyn at times too.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Rising to 50%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine increasingly breaking out, a patchwork through afternoon, then a veil of high cloud builds later in the day. Visibility increasingly good away from cloud and showers, though a haze towards the Irish Sea.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	3 or 4C rising to 5C. Feeling like -5 to -8C in strongest wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 17 April	Saturday 18 April
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southerly 30-35mph, strengthening through morning, risk 50mph high tops, then trending southwesterly, 30-40mph. <b>Strenuous-to-arduous walking in exposure most of the day, a spell of challenging conditions likely; notable wind chill.</b>	Westerly 25 to 30mph, gusty in showers. <b>Feeling blustery over higher terrain, in places affecting ease of walking with noticeable wind chill in exposure on tops.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Heavy rain for a time, trending drier later</b> 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. Trending showery afternoon, and perhaps often dry later.	<b>Showers, hail</b> Showery rain on and off throughout the day, locally more frequent in west, brief heavier bursts with hail.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Fairly extensive for a time, improving afternoon</b> Cloud shrouds the high tops from before dawn, soon lowering to high terrain and filling in extensively to middle slopes, at least, during rain, lowest southwest fells. Bases rise again afternoon, mostly above 700m and increasingly broken. <b>10%, 40% later</b>	<b>Varying on high tops, lifting</b> Patchy cloud over higher fells most common toward the west in the morning, likely to come and go above 700m for a few hours, locally lower at first in west; tending to lift with breaks to tops. <b>40%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, dull for several hours as rain sets in with poor visibility. Through afternoon, sunny bursts increasingly with improved visibility.	Brief bursts of sun, some sun more often toward coast later in day. Visibility varying, at times very good, but poor during showers.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	5 or 6C. A cooling trend later, by several degrees into night. Feeling like -5 to -8C in direct wind. Above the summits.	4C, marginal rise into afternoon. Feeling like -4 to -7C directly in the wind. Above the summits.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 17 April, 2026

Friday stays windy with a band of rain passing east across the British Isles. A settling trend begins on Saturday, showers lingering in western areas, then the most settled conditions of the weekend on Sunday. Light or even negligible wind by Sunday with cool-to-mild temperatures, though perhaps on the chillier side in Scotland. The stronger sunshine will feel mild despite chiller temperatures.

More certainty regarding a dominance of high pressure next week: a mix of cloud and sun, often dry, and cool temperatures. Greatest chance of scattered showers in eastern areas, more cloud here, and some low fog in the mornings as well. Easterly wind at times quite blustery and gusty in England and Wales, generally lighter Scotland.

### Forecast issued at 16:06 on Wednesday, 15 April, 2026

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