

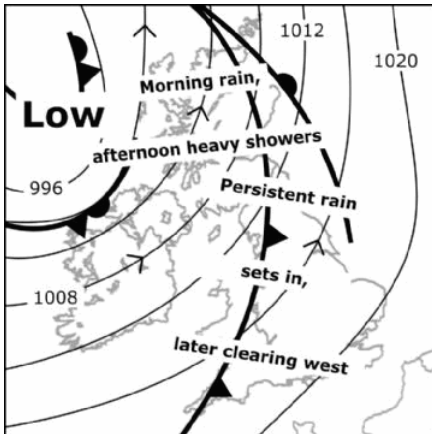
Lake District

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General Summary for Friday, 17 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 17 April, 2026

Strong, gusty wind all day, gales in Scotland, risk severe coastal northwest. Persistent early rain in Scotland breaks to heavy showers, frequent west, clusters spreading east. Several hours of heavy rain sweeps east across England and Wales; driest start Pennines, and dry windows later in Snowdonia and Lakeland.

Headline for Lake District

Several hours of heavy rain; strong wind, powerful gusts

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 17 April, 2026

<p>How windy? (On the summits)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Southerly 35-45mph in the early hours, quite gusty, risk approaching 55mph over highest tops. From midday, trending southwesterly and settling near 30-40mph, staying gusty.</p> <p>Strenuous-to-arduous walking in exposure most of the day, a spell of challenging conditions likely with considerable buffeting and significant wind chill.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Rain for several hours, sometimes heavy, showers later</p> <p>Patchy rain and drizzle from dawn, most often on fells from Coniston to Pillar, gradually setting in, persistent for several hours with heavy falls. Rain slowly clears eastward afternoon, scattered showers follow into evening.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free summits?</p>	<p>Extensive for a time, higher bases with some breaks afternoon</p> <p>Cloud shrouds most high terrain from dawn, filling in extensively to middle slopes, at least, during rain, lowest southwest fells. Bases rise again afternoon, mostly above 700m and well-broken at times, but filling in again during later showers.</p> <p>10%, 40% later</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Mostly cloudy, dull for several hours as rain sets in with poor visibility. Through afternoon, sunny bursts with improved visibility, though a haze towards the Irish Sea.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 750m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>5 or 6C, may locally rise a degree. Cooling by several degrees overnight. Feeling like -5 to -8C in direct wind.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 18 April	Sunday 19 April
How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 20 to 30mph, gusty in showers, and trending northwesterly with time.	Northerly 10-15mph, and perhaps lighter speeds.
Effect of wind on you?	Feeling blustery over higher terrain, in places affecting ease of walking with noticeable wind chill in exposure on tops.	Small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, hail Showery rain on and off throughout the day, locally more frequent in west, some drizzle on summits between showers; brief heavier bursts with hail.	Likely dry A small chance of odd light showers, but probably dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Varying on high tops, lifting 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.	Hills soon clear Odd patchy mist at various heights in the morning, including in sheltered valleys, this soon lifting and dissipating after dawn for cloud-free hills.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief bursts of sun, some sun more often toward coast later in day. Visibility varying, at times very good, but poor during showers.	Often sunny, some high cloud around, some fair weather cloud forming. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	4C, marginal rise into afternoon. Feeling like -5C directly in the wind.	2C rising to 5C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 18 April, 2026**

Saturday stays showery, heavy at times with hail, most frequent and heavy in Scotland and northern England. Sun between the showers, conditions improving from the south, and then the weather more widely settled on Sunday: light or negligible wind, often sunny with chilly morning temperatures, though widely rising by at least a few degrees. High pressure north of Scotland next week facilitates east-to northeasterly winds, which may be quite blustery and gusty at times. Generally cooler temperatures too. Occasional light showers drifting from the east, notably early week, snow flurries on higher terrain. Variable freezing levels, likely lowest early in the week, and also some valley frosts at dawn. A mix of cloud and sunshine, most often sunny to the west of high hill groups where temperatures more mild.

Forecast issued at 15:32 on Thursday, 16 April, 2026

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