

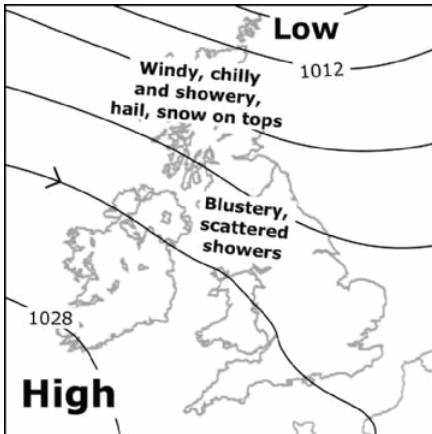
# Lake District

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 Saturday, 18 April, 2026



### British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 18 April, 2026

Brisk westerly winds will give considerable chill factor over high terrain - air temperature near freezing on higher Scottish tops. Showery conditions - the most frequent precipitation in northwest Scotland in morning, falling as snow on Munros, also hail to lower levels. Showers become more scattered during afternoon.

### Headline for Lake District

Blustery wind; showers, some heavy with hail, fading afternoon.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 18 April, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Westerly 25 to 30mph, gusty in showers; trending northwesterly later afternoon onward.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Feeling blustery over higher terrain, in places affecting ease of walking with noticeable wind chill in exposure on tops.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Showers, hail, fewer later in day</b> Showery rain on and off throughout the day, locally more frequent in west, some drizzle on summits between showers; brief heavier bursts with hail. Tending to clear eastwards later afternoon onward, leaving more scattered brief showers.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</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>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>40% rising to 70%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	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>	4C, marginal rise into afternoon. Feeling like -5C directly in the wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	<b>Sunday 19 April</b>	<b>Monday 20 April</b>
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	North to northwesterly 10-15mph, occasional 20mph high tops.	East or northeasterly, 15 to 25mph, some gusty areas.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Small, but feeling chilly where exposed on higher tops.</b>	<b>Fairly small effect on walking, but marked wind chill where exposed on higher terrain.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Likely dry</b> A small chance of odd light showers, but most of the day stays dry.	<b>Scattered showers</b> Brief showers with soft hail, possibly a flurry of snow on higher slopes forming soonest north and east Lakes, then brief showers possible more widely, particularly afternoon, but some places remain dry.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Hills soon clear</b>  Odd patchy mist at various heights in the morning, including in sheltered valleys, this soon lifting and dissipating after dawn for cloud-free hills.	<b>Capping some tops in morning, lifting</b>  Patchy cloud above 700-800m in morning, mostly Skiddaw to Helvellyn groups. Occasional patches elsewhere, but well broken and lifting largely above all tops into afternoon.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>40% rising to 80%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Often sunny, some high cloud around, some fair weather cloud forming. Excellent visibility.	Patchwork of cloud and sun; best in western Lakes in the morning. Visibility often excellent, briefly reduced in showers.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	2C rising to 5C afternoon.	1C rising to 4C afternoon. Where exposed to wind, feeling like -5C early in day, later -2C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Close to freezing on highest tops for a few hours early morning, plus frost in some valleys at dawn. Lifting above all	Slight frost in valleys and close to freezing on highest tops above 900m from dawn. Rising above freezing to all tops.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 19 April, 2026**

High pressure expands over the British Isles on Sunday to bring a quieter day with lighter winds and only isolated showers. A scattering of showers on Monday as a cool east-northeasterly wind develops, but plenty of dry weather too. High pressure stays nearby to the north of Britain through the week ahead giving a run of dry days with sunshine typically best in the west, but many mountains often free of low cloud. A cool easterly wind is likely to prevail for England and Wales, strongest toward the south, whilst Scotland has often lighter winds. Some overnight frosts. Daytime temperatures near average, typically a few degrees above freezing on high tops through midweek.

**Forecast issued at 16:10 on Friday, 17 April, 2026**

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