

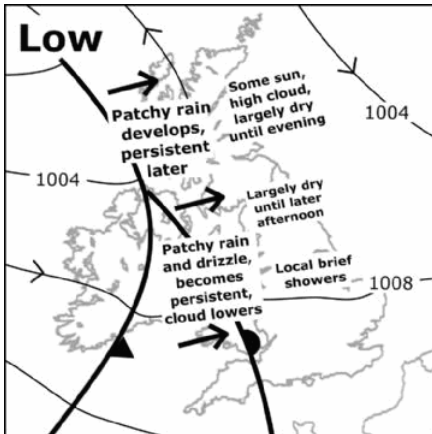
Lake District

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General Summary for Saturday, 16 May, 2026



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

Chilly but fine with light winds much of the day for the Highlands. Increasing wind, rain and lowering cloud encroaches onto western coasts later in daytime. Southwesterly breezes elsewhere, largely dry until late for northern England, but rain, drizzle and low cloud moves into Wales sooner, more blustery later.

Headline for Lake District

Dry, clear hills; then increasing breeze, rain later, cloud lowers.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 16 May, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 10-15mph, increasing gradually to southwesterly 15-20mph, later in day 20-25mph; turning westerly again by dusk, up to 30mph for a time dusk into night.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, but starting to feeling more noticeably breezy later.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain later, persistent into evening Rare brief showers passing eastwards, otherwise generally dry until late afternoon. Toward evening, patchy rain moving in from west, more persistent evening up to dusk, some heavier rain arriving for a time. Showers into night.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly little, then lowering later Patchy cloud banks form on some slopes in morning, mainly western areas, lifting and clearing. Later in day, cloud banks form on tops as rain develops, filling in over higher fells.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80% dropping to 40% toward evening.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine best early in day, high cloud tends to thicken from west to cover the sky. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C rising to 5C afternoon. Feeling like -2C to later -5C where exposed to increasing wind.
Freezing Level	800-900m plus frost inland valleys at dawn. Rising by middle of day above freezing to highest tops.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 17 May	Monday 18 May
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 25mph, at times 30mph higher fells. Starting to affect comfortable walking in exposure on higher tops. Marked wind chill.	Southerly 10 to 15mph in the morning, tending to rise to 20mph, later gusty 25-30mph, risk stronger into night. Fairly small, but risk increasingly blustery later in daytime and worsening onward into night.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers develop A little showery rain toward west early morning, then odd showers forming inland, increasing risk of heavier showers middle of day into afternoon, advancing eastwards.	Local showers likely clear Patchy rain and odd showery bursts in the morning. Chance isolated heavy showers middle of day into afternoon, but most of these clear away east to be largely dry. Rain then develops into night from west.
Cloud on the hills?	Occasional patches, largely clearing Banks of cloud around higher fells mostly in west and south in morning. Lifting to upper slopes or breaking above, briefly lowering around showers, then increasingly clearing afternoon.	Lifting toward then above tops Varied cloud banks around hills in morning, particularly west and southern areas. Tending to lift to upper slopes and increasingly clear above tops or largely break up into afternoon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%	30% rising to 80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A little sun breaking through; sun developing more near coast later afternoon. Visibility very good, but reduced in showers.	Variable cloud, glimpses of sun, becoming sunnier near coast then further inland afternoon, but high cloud then thickens. Visibility very good.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	3C rising to 6C. Wind chill feeling like -2 to -5C on high tops. Above the summits.	3C rising to 6 or 7C. If exposed to increasing wind later, feeling just below freezing on tops. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 17 May, 2026**

A mixed but milder outlook. Showery bursts of rain Sunday and Monday, passing eastwards during the daytimes, generally improving afternoons in western areas. By later Monday, strengthening southerly winds and rain moving into Wales from the southwest. Damp south-southwesterlies then prevail for a few days next week, with rain at times Tuesday and Wednesday, most on western hills, particularly Scotland. A drier and much warmer theme later in the week as higher pressure builds.

Forecast issued at 16:28 on Friday, 15 May, 2026

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