

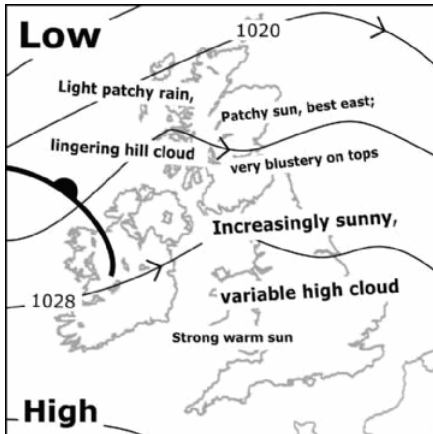
Lake District

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 Friday, 3 July, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 3 July, 2026

Early hill cloud in Wales and central/east parts England and Scotland lifts and breaks for sun through high cloud. Warm for most, mild Scottish Highlands but feeling chilly in wind. Hill cloud and patchy rain west highlands, setting in into night. Some patchy cloud lingers near tops of Eryri/Snowdonia and Lakeland.

Headline for Lake District

Blustery early and late; cloud lifts to high slopes, well-broken

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 3 July, 2026

<p>How windy? (On the summits)</p>	<p>West-southwesterly 20 to 30mph early, some variability with stronger gusts over high tops, but an easing tendency, 15-25mph afternoon, then deteriorating into night.</p>
<p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Strenuous walking over high terrain early with wind chill, effects lessening and may well be fairly small for several afternoon hours.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Substantially dry A few spots of light rain over the fells in the morning, these fading for a substantially dry afternoon. Late in the day, the risk of rain returning from the west, though may stay entirely dry during daylight.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?</p>	<p>Early cloud lifts and breaks, banks on high tops Often covering higher and western fells through morning, sometimes to 600m or lower nearer west coast. Some periods where cloud breaks, most common near and east from Helvellyn group, and more widely broken through afternoon. Increasingly broken afternoon but banks cling to tops above 900m. 30%, to 50% east, rising to 60% widely</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Glimpses of sun mostly eastern valleys, increasingly sunny more widely afternoon but weakened by high cloud, this thickening later. Very good visibility.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level</p>	<p>8 or 9C, rising slightly, locally to 11C where sunniest in the afternoon. Feeling near or just above freezing in strongest wind. Above the summits.</p>

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 4 July	Sunday 5 July
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	West-southwesterly, 30 to 40mph, may fluctuate during day, gusts regularly reaching 45mph or higher. Strenuous walking over high terrain, buffeting gusts affecting balance with notable wind chill.	Westerly 25-35mph, some strong gusts forming over high tops. Ease of walking increasingly impacted on the tops, gusts making walking strenuous later with notable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional drizzly rain Small amounts in total, and the day may start dry. Some drizzle in the air for periods, possibly more persistent at times over western Lakeland with occasional patches of light rain passing as well.	Drizzle and patchy rain Persistently drizzly over the high tops most of the day with patchy rain drifting from the west from time to time, some risk of a few extended heavier falls on west and north fells.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, lowest southwest Blanket cloud across fells toward west and southwest much of the day, bases 500m or lower towards west coast. Mostly above 600m further east, some breaks at times near Ullswater.	Fairly extensive Cloud base often to middle slopes on west fells, lowering towards 300-400m during rain with ragged patches to valley level. Generally higher bases east, some breaks where out of rain, but terrain above 800m unlikely to clear cloud.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10% southwest, 30% northeast.	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy and misty southwestern Lakeland, some better visibility below cloud further inland and north.	Some glimpses of weak sun on lower slopes. Very good visibility where out of cloud and rain.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	11 or 12C, small variation all day. Feeling like 0 to 5C directly in the wind on tops. Above the summits.	10 or 11C, little change all day. Feeling like 1 to 3C in direct wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 4 July, 2026**

Westerlies prevail across northern Britain. Rain, drizzle and low cloud over western hills from Lake District northward through the weekend. Temperatures near average, but feeling cool in exposure to wind on tops, which could regularly be quite strong and gusty. Generally drier northeast areas with higher cloud bases but patchy rain and drizzle reach here too. Higher pressure south maintains drier conditions in Wales and the south Pennines but cloud and some drizzle will affect high western slopes from time to time. A drier and warmer window looks probable from middle next week as high pressure builds. Very warm temperatures for England and Wales, spells of sunshine more widely. Some showers and patchy rain are likely to continue through late week and next weekend, though detail is uncertain.

Forecast issued at 15:57 on Thursday, 2 July, 2026

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