

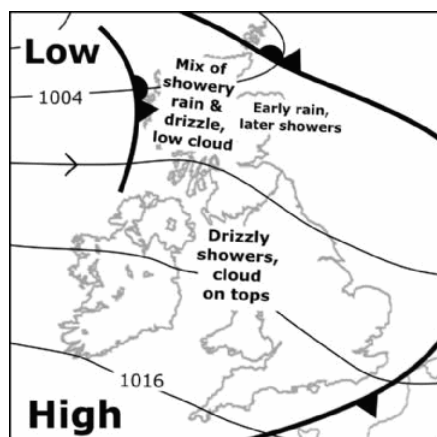
Lake District

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 Tuesday, 18 August, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 18 August, 2026

Fresh-to-strong westerly breezes bring frequent showery rain and drizzle to western Scotland all day, plus patchy rain western England and Wales in the morning, here becoming drier until rain returns by evening. All western tops often in cloud. Some showery rain extends east across the Highlands.

Headline for Lake District

Blustery, a little rain in morning, high tops often in cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 18 August, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 25 to 30mph, gusts 35mph at times around higher fells.
Effect of wind on you?	Affecting comfortable walking on higher terrain, at times more strenuous in exposure. Marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain on and off in morning, then showers Heavy overnight rain clears east before dawn, but leaves patchy rain into the morning, most common western fells. By midday onward, brief light showers. By late evening, some more frequent rain returns from southwest.
Cloud on the hills?	Rising, but often capping high tops Fairly extensive above 600-800m in the morning, tending to rise but still often capping higher western tops in afternoon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20% rising to 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy with occasional sun. Visibility reduced around early rain, then often very good below cloud.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Around 10C, trending cooler later in day. Feeling like 2 to 4C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 19 August	Thursday 20 August
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 20 to 25mph, gusty in rain.	Northeasterly 20 to 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Gusty conditions at times affecting ease of walking, feeling rather cool.	Feeling noticeably cool on exposed high terrain. Breezy over hills, in places may affect comfortable walking.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, some heavy Showery rain from early morning in western Lakes, but forming increasingly widely, some heavy bursts tending to drift eastwards. Chance of thunder. Later more risk more prolonged rain developing.	Frequent rain, some heavy Areas of rain from dawn, frequent or persistent, some heavy bursts on and off. By afternoon, showers more scattered.
Cloud on the hills?	Varying, lowest morning and in showers Covering many tops above 600-800m in morning, lowest west; base tending to rise, but will vary widely in and out of showers, capping tops for periods, but some breaks.	Lifting, but often capping high tops Shrouding most high terrain in the morning, to mid-slopes in rain. Tending to rise, but patches may linger above 800m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief sun in east in the morning, otherwise often cloudy; some sun later near coast. Visibility very good when dry, but poor in showers.	Mostly cloudy, occasional sun mainly later. Visibility poor in rain, then good at times.
How Cold? (at 750m)	8 or 9C, little change all day. Feeling like 2 to 4C directly in the wind.	8 to 10C. Feeling like 0 to 3C in stronger wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 19 August, 2026

Low pressure dominates across Britain into midweek, bringing showery conditions widely, some more organised bands of rain at times. Some heavy and thundery downpours forming, mostly into the afternoons, becoming focused further south with time. Fresh westerly winds turning northerly and temperature lowering later this week, dropping close to freezing on high Scottish tops by Friday and frost may occur in Highland glens over a couple of nights. More often dry with rare lighter showers over the weekend as higher pressure builds. Strengthening south-southwesterly winds into early next week with a risk of rain returning from the west, but warmer temperatures are likely.

Forecast issued at 16:25 on Monday, 17 August, 2026

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