

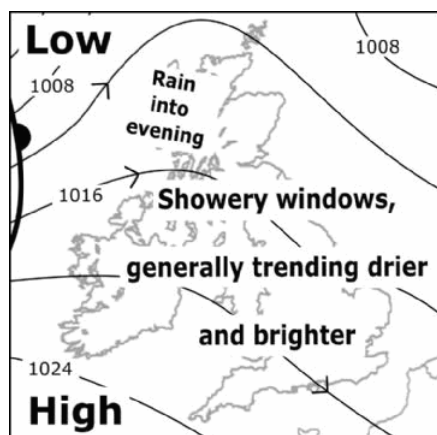
Lake District

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General Summary for Wednesday, 16 September, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 September, 2026

Northwesterly wind pushes chilly air and showers into Scotland, milder but showery in Wales and west England. Wind lessens and showers increasingly scattering, a few light showery clusters here and there (total rainfall small). Rain and wind into west Scotland later, spreading widely overnight.

Headline for Lake District

Regular sun, showers on-and-off, tending to fade

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 16 September, 2026

How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Northwesterly 20-25mph, some stronger gusts over tops, lessening and turning westerly, 15-20mph and briefly less. Restrengthening and turning southwesterly, finishing 30-35mph and further strengthening into night. Fairly small, but quite blustery over high tops early and late in the day with some buffeting gusts. Conditions will deteriorate into night.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzle, some showers, fading Drizzly on high terrain to start, scattered showers drift from the northwest from time to time. Rainfall totals generally amount to little, and trending substantially dry from mid-afternoon onward.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Fairly extensive to start, lifting to high tops with breaks Starting fairly extensive on high terrain, varied banks to lower elevations. Cloud will lift and break up, to just patches grazing high tops, breaking off summits increasingly through afternoon. Overnight, cloud returns to high terrain. Rising to 70% afternoon
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun increasingly breaking out, most extensive on low slopes to the west. Some thin high cloud arrives from the west later. Very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	7 or 8C, rising a degree late in the day and into night. Feeling near freezing in direct wind. Above the summits.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 17 September	Friday 18 September
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 25mph to start, strengthening, towards 35-40mph with notable gusts.	Westerly turning southwesterly, 30-40mph, may briefly ease but trending towards higher speeds late in the day.
Effect of wind on you?	A blustery start in exposure, walking increasingly strenuous with buffeting gusts affecting stability; considerable wind chill.	Generally strenuous in exposure, some strong buffeting gusts later making walking more arduous; notable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers Showers drift from the west much of the day, generally light in nature, but becoming more frequent for several afternoon hours, heavy falls forming on central and east fells.	Afternoon patchy rain A few spots of drizzly rain in the morning but largely dry. From midday, patchy rain arrives from the west, may set in for a few hours.
Cloud on the hills?	Banks over tops, lowering in showers Cloud caps will regularly drift over the highest fells, some breaks above the summits, but also lowering more broadly during showers, towards 600-800m, high terrain more often shrouded for several afternoon hours.	Lifting to summits, later filling in fairly widely Cloud on most slopes above 700-800m, lower patches west fells, tending to lift and break up, sometimes off tops. Through afternoon, cloud more broadly over tops, lowering, filling in widely to middle slopes; some higher bases towards Blencathra.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%	40%, lowering to 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine, more often sunny on low slopes, though cloudier east afternoon. Good visibility but a building haze, variably deteriorating on high terrain.	Patchy sunshine, trending overcast, later dull on west summits. Hazy at best, visibility deteriorating as cloud and rain arrives.
How Cold? (at 750m)	7C. Feeling below freezing in strongest wind.	7 or 8C, rising towards 9C afternoon and further rising into evening/night. Feeling around 0C in direct wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 17 September, 2026

Showers and strong westerly wind prevails from Thursday into the weekend - areas of low pressure passing north of Scotland with frontal systems bringing bands of rain, followed by showers, wettest over western mountains in Scotland. Periods of gale-force winds over higher terrain, cool temperatures with significant wind chill, particularly in the north where temperatures will occasionally approach freezing point on high Scottish tops. Showers generally more scattered in England and Wales, most showers in the west; bright spells too, but bands of rain and low cloud will pass these areas. Mild temperatures, at times warm south Pennines and Wales.

Milder, more settled weather is indicated next week, though sometimes breezy in Scotland, spells of rain in the west.

Forecast issued at 16:12 on Tuesday, 15 September, 2026

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