

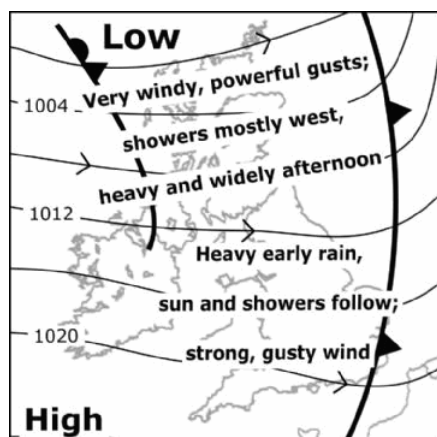
Lake District

The entire Lake District National Park, taking in all major summits, including Scafell, Helvellyn, Skiddaw, the Langdales and Old Man of Conistone.



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General Summary for Tuesday, 13 October, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 October, 2026

Heavy rain over England and Wales at dawn clears eastward, followed by showers, sun breaks, and cooler temperatures. Showers soon frequent west Scotland, clustering for sustained heavy rain/hail, sweeping east across Scotland afternoon. Widely windy, powerful gusts around rain.

Headline for Lake District

Early rain clears, afternoon showers, strong wind

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 13 October, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	West-southwesterly in the range of 35-45mph, though may ease slightly for a few morning hours. Restrengthening afternoon, strongest gusts approaching 50mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous, to often arduous walking in exposure, particularly afternoon when strongest gusts likely require bracing to maintain balance. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Early rain, afternoon showers, some heavy Heavy rain around dawn soon clears away eastwards, leaving a brief drier window. Showers follow from the west, a rising risk of more frequent and heavy showers as the afternoon goes, perhaps a brief periods of sustained rain.
Cloud on the hills?	Breaks towards summits when dry, variably lowering Extensive for a few early hours around rain, then breaking well toward upper slopes, clearing some high tops for a time, though very highest fells may struggle to clear. Cloud varies afternoon, lowering to 500-700m during showers, always lowest west.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun as rain clears, best of sunny bursts east, some cloudier periods western fells. Visibility very good as rain clears, then reducing around showers, and coastal haze building.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Mild 13C overnight, dropping as dawn approaches to start around 7 or 8C, lowering further during day to finish around 6C. Feeling later like -6C as wind increases.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 14 October	Thursday 15 October
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly, in range 40 to 60mph, notable increase with height; sustained speeds strongest in afternoon. Strenuous walking even on lower fells, gusts knocking you off balance, increasingly difficult on high terrain.	Southwesterly 40-50mph, gusting up to 60mph early, generally easing from midday towards 25-30mph, or lower into night. Challenging conditions in exposure to start with significant wind chill, effects starting to ease through afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	A little rain Spots of rain in the wind, frequently damp around cloud over tops and southwestern fells, drier further northeast. Into evening and night, risk steadier and heavier rain developing.	Rain sets in Generally damp air to start, some drizzle on the high tops and upper terrain around Coniston. Timing uncertain, but rain will arrive from the northwest, quickly setting in for several hours at least, local heavy falls.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Most persistent southwest Banks of cloud clinging to Scafell and Coniston groups much of day above 600-700m, lower near coast. May also often cap tops elsewhere above 800m, but some breaks to upper slopes north Lakes. 20% southwest, to 50% north.	Fairly extensive Fells above 700-800m often in cloud from dawn, a few higher breaks possible to the north and east, but will fill in extensively to middle slopes with arrival of rain, shreds of cloud to forest canopies/valleys in the south and west. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of weak sun mostly north Lakes. Hazy, visibility better northeast areas.	A little early weak sun but soon cloudy. A hazy start at best, visibility turning poor as rain and cloud build.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	7C rising to 9C, staying elevated and may rise further overnight. Feeling like -5C directly in the wind. Above the summits.	10C, beginning to cool evening into night. Feeling like -2C in early wind, wind chill effect easing. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 14 October, 2026

Southwesterly gales strengthen to become severe on the mountains into Wednesday, moderating into Thursday. Cloudy with some drizzle on western hills, a band of more extensive heavier rain passing southeastwards Wednesday into Thursday as well. Starting on the milder side, but fresher air arrives behind the band of rain Thursday into Friday, sun breaking out with a few showers - Scottish high summits may drop back close to freezing with some snow falling on higher tops. Indications of higher pressure building on Friday and into the weekend, bringing a window of more settled weather and scope for local inversion conditions on high terrain. Clear night skies allow for chilly mornings, some ground frosts likely, and may remain quite blustery south Pennines and Wales.

Forecast issued at 16:13 on Monday, 12 October, 2026

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