

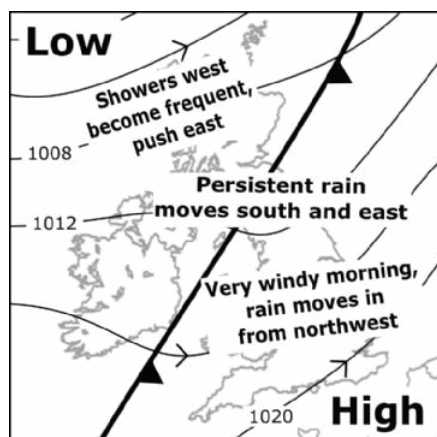
Lake District

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 Thursday, 15 October, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 October, 2026

A band of rain over south Scotland moves south and east, several hours of steady rain first reach north England and gradually spreads into Wales and Pennines. Very windy and mild England and Wales before the rain arrives. Scotland is chilly with showers and sun breaks, showers increase and push east with time.

Headline for Lake District

Gales; early bright glimpses before persistent rain sets in

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 15 October, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 40-50mph, gusting up to 60mph early, generally easing from midday onward, towards 25-30mph later and further lessening into night.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions in exposure to start with significant wind chill, effects starting to ease through afternoon, but effects only become fairly small into evening/night.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain sets in for much of the day Generally damp air to start, drizzle on the high tops and upper terrain around Coniston. Rain will arrive from the northwest, quickly setting in for several hours at least, sustained heavy falls south and west Lakes. May start to break up late in the day, moreso into night.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Fells likely shrouded above 600-700m most or all day, best chance of higher breaks in north and east areas early and late in the day. As rain sets in, cloud base widely lowers to at least middle slopes, to low slopes in the southwest, patches forming in valleys around heaviest rain.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A little early weak sun but soon overcast. A hazy start at best, visibility turning poor as rain and cloud build.
How Cold? (at 750m)	10C well into the day, quickly cooling later to finish near 6 or 7C. Feeling like -2C in early wind, wind chill effect easing.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

	Friday 16 October	Saturday 17 October
How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 20-25mph, becoming quite gusty for several hours around showers.	Northeasterly 10-15mph, may briefly gust 20mph over highest tops but a lessening trend.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, some blustery moments on high summits.	Small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Few showers, more frequent for a time Some scattered showers around in the morning, dry windows, then risk of a few hours of more frequent showers with heavier falls, risk some hail, but ultimately fading out into evening.	No rain expected
Cloud on the hills?	Varied patches over tops Any early ragged cloud soon lifts to just high tops, regularly breaking off the tops but also returning where showers occur, though bases unlikely reach below 800m for any length of time.	Likely clearing all fells At dawn, banks of cloud at varied heights, including some mist in sheltered valleys. Beginning to lift and dissipate after sunrise, to largely clear the fells, though a few odd patches may occasionally graze highest summits.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sun, more often sunny towards southeast Lakes. Very good visibility.	Mostly sunny. Very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	5C.	2 or 3C, rising a degree.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits, but frosts will form on low sheltered slopes, to valley level, thawing through morning.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 16 October, 2026

Friday starts fresh with local valley frosts, freezing level onto the highest Munros. Bright for many, though showers affect west areas, particularly Scotland, and spread more widely afternoon. A window of settled weather follows over the weekend as a core of high pressure builds over Scotland. Clear night skies allow for chilly mornings with ground frosts and some valley mist. Sun breaking out, though some cloud will linger on upper slopes, only limited scope for local inversion conditions. An easterly breeze will keep the skies a touch cloudier in England and Wales, chance a little light rain for England on Sunday. Pressure remains high into next week though some areas of low pressure will try to break through. Forecast confidence reduces from mid-week with a risk of unsettled conditions returning.

Forecast issued at 16:20 on Wednesday, 14 October, 2026

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