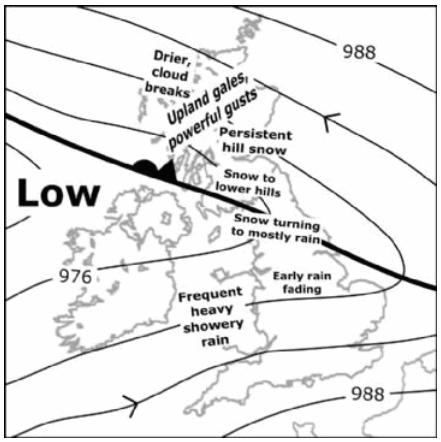
Lake District

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, 17 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 17 November, 2026

Easterly gales for the Highlands. A swathe of rain and hill snow central-southern Scotland and northern England, snow falling to lower elevations for a time in Southern Uplands. Patchier snow flurries further north/westward in the Highlands. Heavy showery rain west & south Wales, strong southwesterly winds here.

Headline for Lake District

Wind varying, hill snow turning more to rain, at times heavy.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 17 November, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Varying considerably; easterly gales overnight into morning 35 to 50mph at first, but tending to lessen into middle of day, becoming variable 10-15mph or less. Chance of rising southwesterly 30mph southernmost fells.
Effect of wind on you?	**Challenging conditions early in day with powerful gusts and significant wind chill for a time, but likely easing and becoming small as the day goes on, but beware locally worsening again mainly in south.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Snow and some heavy rain** Overnight snowfall over the fells likely to turn to sleet or rain to higher elevations into morning - some uncertainty and fine margins, but snow may persist on high tops well into day. Further south, wetter higher up, frequent heavy rain.
Cloud on the hills?	**Extensive** Shrouding higher fells most or all day, at times some cloud banks to lower slopes. Local breaks may occur mainly north and northeastern areas.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**20%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Visibility often poor due to rain, very poor in early snow on tops; occasional improvements possible.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Starting near 0C, for longest north Lakes, lifting to +2C, later 4C south and west. Wind chill feeling like -7 to -10C, but risk nearer -15C in morning some higher fells.
Freezing Level	Near or just below freezing above 600m early in day, but rising from south with some tops soon already above freezing, tending to widely lift above the tops.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 18 November	Thursday 19 November
How windy? (On the summits)	Variable direction 15 to 25mph or at times lower speeds.	East-northeasterly 25 to 30mph, risk more often stronger and gusty 35mph in places.
Effect of wind on you?	**Fairly small, but marked wind chill on exposed tops.**	**Starting to affect comfortable walking, more strenuous around some tops. Considerable wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Showery, snow tops** Rain on and off, most frequent near to coasts; some snow falling over tops mostly above 700m.	**A little rain or snow on fells** Patchy light rain, snow flurries above 600m, most frequent north and eastern Lakes, may persist over an hour or so.
Cloud on the hills?	**Often covering tops** Banks of cloud frequently cover fells above 700m, or often lower toward coasts in southwest. Highest breaks toward north and northeastern Lakes.	**Lifting and clearing** Patchy cloud over higher slopes in the morning, mainly north and eastern Lakes, but tending to lift and increasingly break up as the day goes on.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**30%**	**70%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Visibility good where dry, but often poor in rain, very poor if in snow on tops.	Mostly weak sun through high cloud, overcast for periods. Visibility very good.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2 or 3C. Feeling like -5C in the wind.	Around 0C. Feeling like -10C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	900m or slightly higher.	700-800m.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 18 November, 2026

Scottish mountain terrain stays frozen this week and likely into the weekend, plus frost common into the glens. Colder air also drifts back south across England & Wales later this week, though milder air may return briefly by Saturday. Snow flurries mainly eastern and far northern Highlands in the second half of this week, otherwise much of Scotland often dry. Areas of rain and some hill snow for England & Wales. Into next week, uncertainty about the progress of Atlantic weather systems, which may pivot toward the south again, maintaining chilly easterly winds for Scotland at least, with further snow flurries possible, but there may be little precipitation western Highlands.

Forecast issued at 15:00 on Monday, 16 November, 2026

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