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Lake District

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General Summary for Monday, 29 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 29 April, 2024

Deteriorating - early in the day on many more western areas - as strengthening winds, rain and low cloud associated with a front extends slowly eastwards. The rain will amount to little southern Pennines, and largely dry until later in the day northern Scotland (where precipitation initially snow on the Munros).

Headline for Lake District

Upland wind increasing to gale force; extensive rain.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 29 April, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly, progressively strengthening to 30mph mid morning and 40, perhaps temporarily 45 or 50mph afternoon. May well ease a little evening. Will impede ease of walking widely, before where exposed on higher areas	
you?	considerable buffeting and wind chill develops.	
How wet?	ow wet? Raining most of the day, particularly south lakes	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Rain most or almost all day, sometimes heavy (especially afternoon). Most rainfall south lakes.	
Cloud on the hills?	Persistent fog	
	South lakes: Persistent fog, sometimes forming on lower slopes. North lakes: Cloud base typically varying between 500 and 750m.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	Almost nil, but 20% north lakes	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensively sunless - although glimpses of sun lower slopes north lakes where visibility sometimes excellent. Elsewhere visibility extensively poor.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C rising to 5C. Will feel as cold as minus 8C directly in the wind.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	

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Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 30 April	Wednesday 1 May
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	South to southeasterly speeds may well vary: typically 25mph, but for periods 35 or perhaps 40mph particularly S & W fells. Will impede ease of walking on lower fells and higher up make for arduous walking and considerable wind chill.	Southeasterly between 10 and 20mph: generally strongest in the morning. Small
How wet?	Rain occasionally, mainly south lakes	A little rain here and there.
(Precipitation and its impact)	Frequently dry, particularly northeastern fells. Nevertheless, bursts of showery rain from time to time, most often on southwestern fells.	Rain and drizzle on and off before dawn may continue into the day in some areas but should soon fizzle out. Risk scattered showers afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, particularly south lakes	All clearing
	Fragments on higher slopes, mainly south lakes, where may well be persistent all day, the base here 450 to 600m	Very varied cloud base from dawn, in places covering lowest slopes, whilst in there areas higher areas are between cloud layers. Slowly the cloud will break up; by midday or early afternoon, summits cloud free.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	40% rising to 80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	There may be a few glimpses of sun, mainly lower slopes north lakes. Generally very good visibility although poor in rain.	Cloud layers gradually thinning and breaking to give a patchwork of sun. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	5 rising to 9C. Will feel as cold as minus 6C directly in the wind.	6C rising toward 11C

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 30 April, 2024

Considerably warmer this week. Rain from time to time, although from Wednesday largely dry in Scotland and perhaps N England - although the risk of bursts of rain, perhaps thunder. Wales will be most prone to further rain. As yet, considerable uncertainty in the detail next weekend, although ensemble of forecast models suggest light wind, fairly warm with some sunshine. Most uncertain is the extent and locations of possible showery rain or thunderstorms.

Forecast issued at 14:45 on Sunday, 28 April, 2024

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