

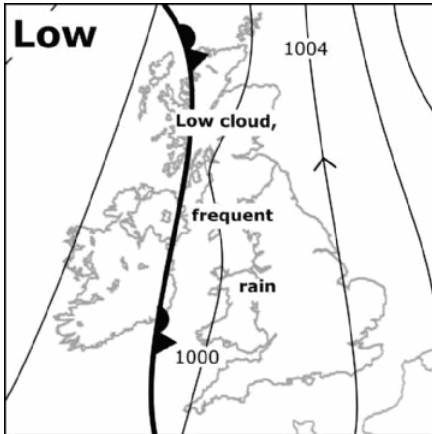
Lake District

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 Wednesday, 16 October, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 October, 2024

Gale force southerly winds, very gusty over the mountains, lessening from the west. Generally wet with low cloud across all regions, but northwestern Scotland seeing smallest amounts of rain, locally dry for periods. Some heavier periods of rain extending northwards over England, Wales & southern Scotland.

Headline for Lake District

Upland gales easing. Rain and low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 16 October, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly; tending to ease through day, from 35 to 45mph after dawn into morning, toward 25 to 30mph during afternoon, or less toward dusk. Very gusty, particularly downslope north of major summits.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable buffeting and wind chill where exposed. Sudden powerful gusts, sometimes on lower slopes could blow you over. Improving with time.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Raining most or all day Frequently raining, some heavier pulses of rain particularly southern areas. Most breaks in the rain northern fells.
Cloud on the hills?	Mountains persistently cloud covered Cloud base widely between 300m and 500m. In north lakes, most cloud above 600m, perhaps a few breaks to 750m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare sunshine coming through in valleys north lakes. Frequently misty as visibility reduced by rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	11C. Will feel close to freezing point directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 17 October	Friday 18 October
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	South to southwesterly, 15 to 20mph, at times 25mph higher western fells, locally gusty elsewhere. Fairly small, but may start to affect ease of walking around higher summits.	South to southwesterly, starting 25-30mph and deteriorating, becoming 40-55mph on tops. Conditions becoming difficult, walking increasingly arduous, balance strongly affected. High wind chill factor.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional light rain southwest Pockets of drizzle around south and southwestern fells, perhaps brief light showers. Substantially dry north and northeast Lakeland.	Dry morning, later rain, becoming heavy Dry morning, in the afternoon rain moving in from west-southwest. Becoming persistent and increasingly heavy, heaviest south Lakes.
Cloud on the hills?	Lowest and most persistent southwest Varied banks of low cloud, plus fog in some valleys from dawn. Likely to persist over south & southwestern fells, to lower slopes near coast. Slowly rising inland above 500m. Higher breaks northeastwards.	Extensive in the south South Lakes often shrouded by cloud, In the north often clear in the morning. During the afternoon most or all fells getting covered down to mid-slopes. Still, higher chance for breaks in North Lakes.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10% SW Lakes, rising to 60% N/NE.	20% south, 70% north
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine most frequent north and northeast Lakes where visibility very good. South and southwestern fells may stay persistently misty.	Sunny spells in the north, south of Dunmail Raise murky and little to no sun. Partly dull, but air clarity good.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	7 to 9C. Above the summits	7 to 9C, feeling sub-zero in wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 17 October, 2024**

South to southwesterly winds will prevail over the next week or more, bringing mild or very mild temperatures, but an unsettled outlook with periods of rain, heavy at times. Temperatures will stay above freezing to higher tops, so recent snow cover will all thaw. Generally least rain toward north-northwest Scotland (north of about Torridon). Thursday is drier for many places. Rain on and off onward into the weekend. Frequently windy on the hills - Friday and then Sunday likely to be the windiest days during the week ahead - reaching storm-force winds on higher mountains. Next week, higher pressure may expand over England and Wales at least for periods.

Forecast issued at 13:10 on Tuesday, 15 October, 2024

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