

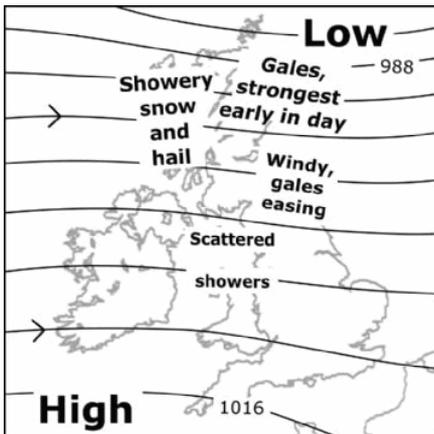
Lake District

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, 11 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 March, 2026

Cold strong westerly winds, gales over Scottish mountains and more widely early in day, significant chill factor over mountains. Showery snow and hail most frequent W & NW Highlands, more scattered elsewhere. Cloud base varying, occasional sun.

Headline for Lake District

Windy, gales at first. Showers with hail, snow tops.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 11 March, 2026

<p>How windy? (On the summits)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Westerly up to 50mph post dawn; through day dropping slowly, typically 35mph middle of day. Increasing again into night, reaching 70mph, stronger gusts.</p> <p>Expect significant wind chill and walking to be arduous or difficult particularly morning. Deteriorating again to severe gales onward into night.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Hail and snow showers easing</p> <p>Mainly morning, succession of sudden hail and above 700m snow showers.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free summits?</p>	<p>Extensively covering higher areas</p> <p>In precipitation, cloud forming below 400 to 500m lowest in morning in west. Otherwise, by midday (as average cloud base tends to rise) between 600 and 900m, generally highest on easternmost summits.</p> <p>30%</p>
<p>Sunshine?</p> <p>Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Bursts of sunshine, mainly afternoon lower slopes. Visibility mostly very good although slight haze. Temporarily appalling in snow.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 750m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>1C during day, then rising to 4C into night. Will feel like -10C directly in the wind.</p> <p>900m, then rising onward into night above the highest tops.</p>

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 12 March	Friday 13 March
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 50 to 65mph, top speeds more likely in the morning.	West to southwesterly 35 to 45mph, likely strongest in the morning, squally gusts around showers.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult conditions over the fells, any mobility challenging in exposure higher up, particularly morning. Significant wind chill.	Challenging walking conditions over exposed higher terrain, considerable buffeting and significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Persistent heavy rain setting in Often raining from dawn, mostly south and west, setting in widely and heavy with time. Intense bursts of rain likely with a risk of thunder. May begin to fall as snow on the tops late in the day.	Hail and snow showers, risk thunder Showers with hail merging into periods of constant precipitation at times on more western fells; snow falling toward lower elevations in morning, then mostly rain below 400-500m. Risk isolated lightning.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Shrouding the fells widely, from lower elevations upward toward south and west. Higher bases to the east at first, but lowering here too as rain sets in.	Mostly higher tops, more varied west Cloud base frequently changing: at times shafts of cloud to 600m or lower near coast, often capping western fells above 800m, but some breaks to the higher tops, more often eastwards.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull most of day, but may become brighter later from north. Poor visibility, possibly improving later.	Brief bursts of sun, most often in east. Visibility varying between intermittently very good, and at least briefly appalling when in snow/hail and cloud.
How Cold? (at 750m)	4C, then late in day likely to drop to 0C, lowering further overnight. Wind chill feeling like -8 to -12C.	-2C rising to around 0C afternoon. Feeling like -12 to -15C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits possibly much of the day, but dropping toward 800m later, then lower into night.	400m from dawn, rising to 600-700m into afternoon, slightly higher

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 12 March, 2026

Generally unsettled onward into the upcoming weekend and start of next week as low pressure systems pass near and north of Britain - strong west or southwesterly winds prevail, often gale-force to at times storm-force over the mountains. Some fluctuation of temperature and freezing level, but mostly below freezing over Scottish mountains, at times snow falling to lower elevations. Colder for all by the end of this week with widely lowering freezing level by Friday. Frequent precipitation most western mountains, accumulations of snow across the mountains, most substantial in western Scotland from Glencoe northwards. Quieter weather patterns indicated beyond mid-month as higher pressure builds.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Tuesday, 10 March, 2026

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