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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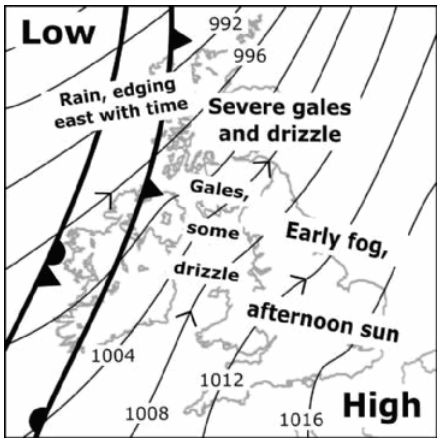
General Summary for Tuesday, 17 March, 2026



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

Widely windy, severe gales in Scotland. Rain in the western Scottish highlands edges into central highlands with time; early drizzle over many high slopes, lingering in Scotland, Lakeland, and Snowdonia. Sun breaking out afternoon over Wales and the Pennines with milder temperatures, though a chill in wind.

Headline for Lake District

Gales; fog and drizzle south, may clear northward

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 17 March, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	South-southwesterly 40-55mph on higher tops. Strongest winds Pillar to Skiddaw. Powerful gusts, which may reach lower slopes too. A gradual easing trend begins late in the day and overnight.
Effect of wind on you?	**Arduous walking in exposure with significant wind chill, most difficult mobility towards northwest Lakes where strongest gusts could blow you over.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Frequent drizzle southern fells, improving afternoon** Frequent to persistent drizzle from Pillar east to High Street, some drizzle drifting to the Helvellyn group too. Fells to the north largely dry, only some fine drizzle blowing in the wind. Easing through afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	**Fairly extensive, chance afternoon breaks** Persistent fog south Lakes, cloud base often down to 200-400m. Higher cloud base north Lakes - the cloud may clear completely for periods afternoon from Helvellyn towards Skiddaw, though extent of clearance uncertain - always a risk of cloud returning above 600m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**20% south lakes to 50% north**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Dull and murky most or all day south Lakes. Glimpses of sun north, possibly frequent for a few hours; visibility good although hazy towards the sea.
How Cold? (at 750m)	4 or 5C. Feeling like -7 to -10C in direct wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 18 March	Thursday 19 March
How windy? (On the summits) **Effect of wind on you?**	Southwesterly 10-20mph, shifting southerly and easing to 10mph or less, perhaps a lull. **Small.**	East-southeasterly 10mph or less. **Negligible.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Likely dry** A few spots of light rain may affect the fells in the morning, though maybe none at all.	**Precipitation unlikely**
Cloud on the hills? **Chance of cloud free summits?**	**Mostly high terrain, particularly west** Banks of cloud at various heights in the morning, lifting after sunrise, largely to 800m and up. Helvellyn to Blencathra may substantially clear for most of the day. **80% east, 60% west**	**Some banks over high fells** Some early valley fog, this lifting and largely dissipating after sunrise. Odd banks further up the hill too, these also lifting, to just fleeing patches drifting over the high fells for most of the day. **60%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Some sunshine but often shrouded by high cloud and perhaps some lower cloud in the west. Good visibility.	Often sunny, though weakened by high cloud. Good visibility but some haze.
How Cold? (at 750m) **Freezing Level**	5C lifting to 9C. Above the summits.	8 or 9C, only slight change with added height. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

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

Pressure begins to rise on Wednesday, bringing fairly widely settled conditions across the country. Some cloud and spotty light rain lingers in north England/south Scotland for a few days, elsewhere becoming mostly sunny; valley fog in many lowland areas early, lifting and dissipating after sunrise for clear hills. Generally milder temperatures and light wind but the occasional stronger gust. East Scotland stays cooler for a time, some overnight frosts possible under clear-sky nights.
Over the weekend, first indications of a cool easterly wind building, perhaps some patchy rain here and there. Into next week, detail is uncertain; low pressure may occasionally unsettle the weather, brining cooler, wetter, and windier periods.

Forecast issued at 15:15 on Monday, 16 March, 2026

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