

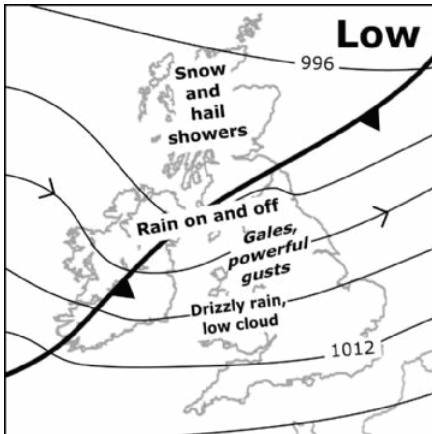
# Lake District

The entire Lake District National Park, taking in all major summits, including Scafell, Helvellyn, Skiddaw, the Langdales and Old Man of Coniston.



[Wheelwrights Cottages provide a wide range of self-catering accommodation around Langdale and beyond to suit all requirements. Please call us on 015394 37635 for details or go to www.wheelwrights.com](http://www.wheelwrights.com)

## General Summary for Friday, 3 April, 2026



### British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 3 April, 2026

Cold with showery snow in the Highlands, also hail in north. Varied winds, blustery in northern Scotland, moderating for a time central Highlands. In England & Wales, a swathe of gales likely affects the mountains, but still some uncertainty about the northward extent; rain and drizzle, plus low cloud covering many hills.

### Headline for Lake District

Varied wind, risk gales mainly south. Periods of rain, low cloud.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 3 April, 2026

<p><b>How windy? (On the summits)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>Southwesterly, speed varies considerably during the day, gales up to dawn ease to 25mph or less for a time, but tending to increase again to 30-40mph, locally powerful 50mph gusts near high tops, particularly southern Lakes, through elevated passes</p> <p><b>Beware of changing conditions - fairly small effects for a time, but often blustery and particularly in southern areas, places where walking becomes arduous with buffeting gusts and significant wind chill.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Rain on and off, some heavy</b></p> <p>Often raining throughout the day, a mix of patchy rain and drizzle, plus some heavier pulses of rain moving through, locally more persistent at times. Generally wettest in west and southwestern areas. Later in day turning to sleet or snow on higher tops.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p> <p><b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b></p>	<p><b>Fairly extensive, some breaks northeast</b></p> <p>Often covering higher fells above 700-800m, or at times 600m in west, to lower slopes in morning and lower banks locally all day around rain especially southwestern areas. Some breaks higher up mainly northeast Lakeland.</p> <p><b>10% southwest, to 30% northeast.</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Often overcast, but a few brighter windows with glimpses of sun are possible. Mixed visibility, often poor in rain, but occasionally good.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>5C, dropping during day to 3C, nearer 1C by dusk, or sooner northwest fells. Feeling as cold as -10C in strongest wind.</p> <p>Above the summits, lowering toward evening to 800m from northwest.</p>

## Lake District - Looking Ahead

	<b>Saturday 4 April</b>	<b>Sunday 5 April</b>
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southerly, briefly below 20mph early in day, but rapid increase to 40-60mph afternoon, later 70mph+ higher fells. <b>Small early in day, but deteriorating significantly during daytime - with time any mobility increasingly difficult.</b>	Westerly 50mph from dawn, possibly stronger up to first light, only gradually easing toward 30-35mph later in day. <b>Frequent buffeting, walking arduous over higher terrain, some gradual improvement. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain or drizzle setting in</b> Likely dry start, but patchy rain developing to become persistent for a time, then leaving drizzly conditions at least over south and western fells. Then later evening heavy rain for a time. Into night, hail showers, and snow to 600m.	<b>Showery hail and snow</b> Generally showery, heavy bursts with hail, and snow to lower-mid elevations early in day, becoming mostly rain or hail below 600m with time. Showers fading toward evening.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Lowering extensively</b>  Patchy cloud mostly around southern fells in the morning, many fells may be clear for a time. Increasingly lowering across the fells as rain develops, filling in to lower elevations near coast in south/west.	<b>Varying on high tops</b>  Cloud banks drifting over higher slopes, most often in western areas above 700-800m, briefly lower in showers. Breaks above tops away from showers.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>50% dropping to 10%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Any weak early sun soon giving way to overcast skies. Visibility starts very good, then reducing to be poor.	Bursts of bright sunshine and very good visibility, but very poor or temporarily appalling in cloud, hail or snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b> <b>Freezing Level</b>	-1C at first, rising to +4C afternoon, then dropping to again into night to 0C. Feeling like -10C or below as wind strengthens. 600m plus slight frost some valleys up to dawn. Rising above all summits by noon. Into night, dropping back to 700-800m.	-2C rising to +1C afternoon. Feeling like -10 to -15C in the wind.  600m from dawn, rising to 900m afternoon.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 4 April, 2026**

A storm system moves across Britain over the Easter weekend, bringing severe conditions increasingly widely - severe gales over the mountains advancing northwards into Scotland by later Saturday daytime. Rain and hill snow also sweeps northward - a substantial snowfall develops particularly in northern Scotland later Saturday. Colder for all by Sunday with all mountains sub-zero, above 600-700m in Scotland, 800m in England and Wales - hail and snow showers with gales bringing severe chill factor. Milder southerlies develop for Monday, dry for most, but risk of gales especially in the west. A changeable weather regime is expected to continue next week, possibly turning chillier again later in the week.

**Forecast issued at 7:57 on Friday, 3 April, 2026**

Forecasts are issued daily by 16:30 and are kept under review and amended as necessary. However, expected conditions can still change after issue. © Copyright Mountain Weather Information Service, 2026.