

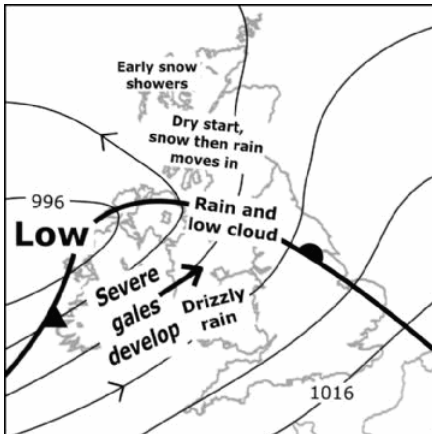
# Lake District

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 Saturday, 4 April, 2026



**British Mountain Summary:  
Based on forecast chart for noon 4 April, 2026**

A fine start for much of Highlands, a lull in wind, but snow moving in from south, setting in widely afternoon; snow to low elevations, then abruptly rain to tops in southern Highlands later. Rapidly strengthening gales for England & Wales, becoming stormy, extending across Scotland afternoon into evening.

**Headline for Lake District**

Gales develop, later stormy. Rain, drizzle, low cloud.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 4 April, 2026

<p><b>How windy? (On the summits)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>Southerly, briefly below 20mph early in day, but rapid increase to 50-60mph by early afternoon, later 70-80mph higher fells, from dusk 90mph through evening. Powerful damaging gusts to lower slopes by later in daytime into evening.</p> <p><b>Small early in day, but deteriorating significantly during daytime - with time any mobility increasingly difficult, gusts could blow you over even at mid-heights. Significant wind chill.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b></p>	<p><b>Rain or drizzle setting in; heavy rain by evening</b></p> <p>Dry start, but patchy rain developing to become persistent for a time, briefly snow over higher fells. During afternoon, drizzly conditions at least over south and western fells, rain on and off. Then later evening intense heavy rain for a time. Into night, hail showers, and snow to 600m.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p> <p><b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b></p>	<p><b>Lowering extensively in morning</b></p> <p>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. Some breaks forming toward northeast Lakes later afternoon.</p> <p><b>50% dropping to 10%</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b></p> <p>Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Any weak early sun soon giving way to overcast skies.</p> <p>Visibility starts very good, then reducing to be poor.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>-1C at first, rising to +4C afternoon, then dropping back to -1C into night. Feeling like -10C or below as wind strengthens.</p> <p>600m plus slight frost some valleys up to dawn. 700-800m late morning, then abrupt rise well above all summits. Into night, rapid drop to 600-700m.</p>

**Lake District - Looking Ahead**

	<b>Sunday 5 April</b>	<b>Monday 6 April</b>
<p><b>How windy? (On the summits)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>Stormy conditions overnight lessen before dawn, then 35 to 50mph during daytime, squally gusts, easing a little afternoon.</p> <p><b>Frequent buffeting, walking arduous over higher terrain, some gradual improvement. Significant wind chill.</b></p>	<p>Southwest turning southerly 20 to 30mph, strongest toward western Lakeland tops.</p> <p><b>Affecting ease of walking on some exposed terrain, gusty in places around higher tops.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Showery hail and snow</b></p> <p>Generally showery, heavy bursts with hail, and snow to lower-mid elevations early in day, becoming mostly rain or hail below 500m with time. Chance isolated thunder &amp; lightning. Showers fading toward evening.</p>	<p><b>Rare if any light rain</b></p> <p>Substantially or completely dry. Chance of patches of drizzle mainly over coastal fells toward southwest.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p> <p><b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b></p>	<p><b>Varying on high tops</b></p> <p>Cloud banks drifting over higher slopes, most often in western areas above 700-800m, briefly lower in showers. Breaks above tops away from showers.</p> <p><b>40%</b></p>	<p><b>Local patches, little many areas</b></p> <p>Patchy cloud banks over west and southwestern coastal fells, but generally very little elsewhere.</p> <p><b>60% south/west, 80% north/east</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Bursts of bright sunshine and very good visibility, but very poor or temporarily appalling in cloud, hail or snow.</p>	<p>Sunshine and a veil of high cloud, more cloud at times west. Visibility very good, some haze toward coast.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>-2C rising to +1C afternoon. Feeling like -10 to -15C in the wind.</p> <p>600m from dawn, rising to 800-900m afternoon.</p>	<p>0C at dawn, rising to 5C afternoon. Feeling like -7C directly in wind early in day, then -2C afternoon.</p> <p>Frost some valleys, much upland terrain frozen at first. Up to 800m late morning, lifting above all summits by early</p>

**Planning Outlook**

**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 5 April, 2026**

Winter mountain conditions for Easter Sunday - all mountain tops sub-zero all day, above 600-700m in Scotland, 800m in England and Wales - hail and snow showers with gales bringing severe chill factor. Milder southerlies develop during Monday, dry and many hills clear with hazy sun, but gusty wind, risk of gales mainly west coastal mountains of Scotland. Quite warm by Tuesday, but strong to gale force south-southeasterly winds; dry for many, rain encroaching into western Scotland, thawing of recent snow. Scotland likely remains changeable, often windy later in the week, rain at times, varying temperatures, at times below freezing on higher Munros. Often drier and lighter winds for England and Wales.

**Forecast issued at 16:23 on Friday, 3 April, 2026**

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