

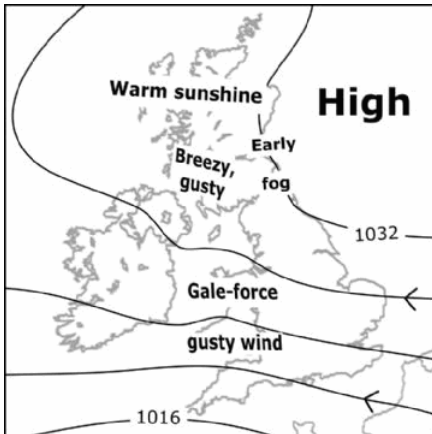
Lake District

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, 29 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 29 April, 2026

Dry with extensive strong sunshine all day, beware sunburn. Patchy low-level fog soon clearing early morning. Fairly light wind for much of the Highlands, but gustier further southwest. Strong and gusty easterlies for England and particularly Wales, powerful gale-force gusts downslope in places.

Headline for Lake District

Strong gusty wind. Sunshine.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 29 April, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 25 to 30mph but frequent strong gusts 35-40mph near and west of major summits, not necessarily on highest terrain; tending to increase slightly further during evening from south, 50mph from dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Making walking uncomfortable in places over the fells, sudden buffeting gusts through some passes and locally downslope. Feeling chilly in exposure. Deteriorating further evening into night.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected
Cloud on the hills?	Clear fells Patchy fog possible in north and eastern valleys in the morning, brief fragments drift upslope, these soon dissipating to be clear.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Practically certain
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widely sunny. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	5C rising to 8C afternoon. Directly in strongest wind, feeling as cold as -5C in the morning, near 0C afternoon.
Freezing Level	Above the summits. Slight frost at dawn in sheltered valleys.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 30 April	Friday 1 May
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southeasterly 30 to 40mph, powerful gusts in places 50mph around higher fells, particularly in the morning. Walking strenuous in exposure, buffeting gusts affecting balance not just on tops. Marked wind chill despite mild air.	Southerly, later in day turning southwesterly, 15 to 20mph, occasional 25mph, gusts mainly if showers occur. Mostly fairly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected	Risk bursts of rain later High uncertainty - odd spots from high cloud, then mainly later in day, bursts of rain may develop, possibly thundery.
Cloud on the hills?	None expected	Clear most or all day The fells substantially clear all day, but later if a shower occurs, odd patches may form at various heights.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Practically certain	Above 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive sunshine. Excellent visibility.	Sun mostly weak through a veil of high cloud, which may extend across the sky. Visibility good or very good, but some haze likely.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	7C rising to 12C afternoon. Feeling near or just below freezing directly in the wind, especially morning. Above the summits. Slight frost sheltered valleys at dawn.	10C, up to 13C afternoon, then tending to lower into evening from west. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 30 April, 2026**

Dry and sunny through Thursday, but windy with powerful gusts particularly England and Wales. Then a change to more mixed conditions, with sporadic bursts of rain developing on Friday. In the short-term, very dry grass and moorland conditions over mountain terrain continues to present a very high fire risk. Lower pressure into the Bank Holiday weekend - cooler with a mix of sunny spells and showers in the extended forecast, but uncertain local details. Higher Scottish mountains particularly toward the north at least briefly dropping to around freezing over the weekend. Also expect slight frost more widely in sheltered valleys up to dawn through this week and the weekend where skies are clear.

Forecast issued at 16:24 on Tuesday, 28 April, 2026

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