

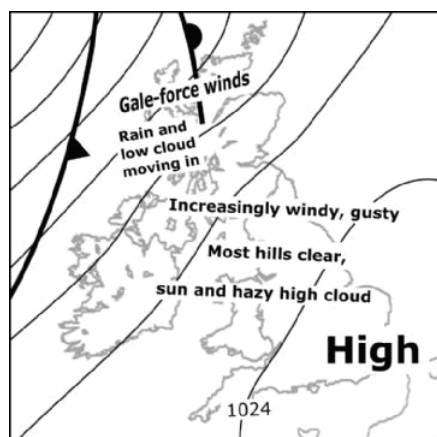
Lake District

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 Thursday, 24 September, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 24 September, 2026

Southerly gales develop widely over Scottish mountains, becoming severe northwest coastal tops. A little rain moves northeast, then more persistent rain sets in for western mountains, turning heavier. Wind strengthens too for England & Wales, generally dry and hills clear, sun giving way to a veil of upper cloud.

Headline for Lake District

Increasingly windy; dry, many fells clear, some patchy cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 24 September, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	South-southwesterly soon increasing from dawn to 20-25mph, rising gradually to 30mph, later 40mph; powerful gusts forming around high tops and passes.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking becoming strenuous in exposure, as the day progresses buffeting gusts challenging stability with notable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Likely dry during daylight A little drizzle/damp air drifts onto the southwestern fells as night falls.
Cloud on the hills?	Little until later Some mist scattered in valleys at dawn, soon lifting and dissipating for clear fells; a few patches lingering around Pillar and Scafell but breaking up. Later, cloud patches return to western high tops, variably more extensive over high terrain overnight.
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sun weakened by high cloud. Very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	7C rising to 11C, staying elevated overnight. Feeling at or below 0C in strongest wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 25 September	Saturday 26 September
How windy? (On the summits)	West to southwesterly 15 to 25mph, speed likely to vary during the day.	Southwesterly 25 to 35mph, sustained speeds tending to rise during afternoon, later 40mph higher fells.
Effect of wind on you?	Variable, sometimes fairly small, but periods where feeling blustery and rather cool in exposure on high terrain.	Blustery, strenuous walking over exposed higher terrain, later more frequent buffeting around high tops; marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Early rain mostly clears Rain starting overnight stays fairly persistent for a time early morning for west and southern areas, but tending to fade to just occasional rain or a light shower.	A little rain mostly west Light showery rain most common west and southwestern Lakeland, odd light showers drifting eastwards, mostly only spots toward the northeast.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive then rising Shrouding the fells at first above 600-800m, lowest west and southern fells, some lower banks for a time. Rising bases to upper slopes, good higher breaks form with time, above many tops north/east.	Capping high tops for a time Banks of cloud drift over high tops mostly above 700-800m in west and southwest areas in morning, tending to lift higher during day and break more often.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20% rising to 60%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy morning, brighter skies and some weak sun afternoon. Visibility starts poor west/southwest; improving during day to mostly good.	Glimpses of sun, mostly north and northeastern Lakes. Hazy toward coast, but visibility very good further north and east.
How Cold? (at 750m)	8 or 9C, little change all day. Feeling near to 0C in stronger wind.	7C rising to 10C afternoon. Feeling like 0 to -3C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 25 September, 2026

South to southwesterly winds prevail onward into the weekend and next week. Some rain drifting in from the Atlantic, a mix of drizzle, some showery falls, and locally steadier rain at times over western mountains. Cloud often shrouding hills, best of breaks toward east and north. Generally mild air, but prepare for marked chill factor on tops due to often strong winds, gales for periods over high terrain, most sustained in Scotland. Into mid-next week, risk of a more widespread gale, or severe gale over higher mountains. Higher pressure then tends to expand further over the country into the start of October for drier and quite warm weather.

Forecast issued at 16:27 on Wednesday, 23 September, 2026

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