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Peak District

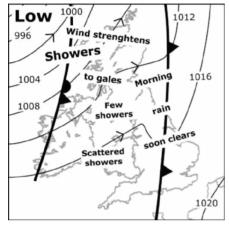




The southernmost Pennines, covering the entire Peak District National Park, also extending north to hills accessed from Hebden Bridge, and including the hills immediately north of Manchester.

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General Summary for Friday, 12 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 12 December, 2025

Increasingly blustery north England and Scotland, gales over Scottish Highlands; lighter wind Pennines and Wales. Early patchy rain over east Scotland and the Pennines soon clears, slowest south Pennines; many hills then cloud-free. Scattered showers onto west coasts, most frequent and heavy west-central Scotland.

Headline for Peak District

Early rain, then often cloud-free summits; wind soon eases

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 12 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Gusty southwesterly 30mph at dawn soon easing to westerly 15-20mph. Gradually strengthening again afternoon, 30-35mph over the tops after dusk.		
Effect of wind on you?	Breezy early with buffeting and wind chill, then soon fairly small well into the day; some uncomfortable winds returning as dusk approaches.		
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Morning rain, dry afternoon A band of rain sweeps east through the morning, may be persistent for a few early hours. Likely no rain afternoon.		
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive early, mostly clear afternoon		
	From dawn cloud shrouds high ground with variable lower banks in rain, locally to middle slopes. Bases lift quickly after rain passes, hills likely often clear in the afternoon though some caps may graze the high peaks.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	20% rising to 60%		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast morning with poor visibility. Patchy sunshine into afternoon though weakened by high cloud, visibility turning very good.		
Temperature (at 600m)	6C, lowering to 4 or 5C, generally staying warmer southernmost moors.		
And in the valleys	7 or 8C from dawn, little change most of the day, then dropping towards 6C as dusk approaches.		

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Peak District - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 13 December	Sunday 14 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly, strengthening during daytime from 25-30mph to 35-45mph, risk stronger gusts evening into night. Increasingly strenuous walking conditions on higher terrain, more arduous later in day; considerable wind chill.	A gusty southwesterly, sustained winds between 40-55mph, may strengthen further with downslope gusts. Strong gusty winds will challenge balance and stability all day, including downslope. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Little or no rain during daylight	Periods of drizzly rain
(Precipitation and its impact)	Substantially dry, but occasional spots of light rain or drizzle in the wind. Onward into the night, risk of frequent rain moving in from the west.	Patchy drizzly rain throughout the day. May be dry for hours at a time but also a risk of brief heavier falls.
Cloud on the hills?	Risk drifting over some tops	Variable on high terrain
	Patchy cloud on some slopes in the morning, may linger on higher western moors, but much cloud often above hills.	Banks come and go over high terrain, may become more extensive at times but also with breaks off the tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Early sunshine, high cloud gradually thickening. Visibility mostly good.	Some glimpses of weak sun but often cloudy. Variable visibility, often very good but deteriorating with fog and rain.
Temperature (at 600m)	4C, slowly rising towards 6C, further rising overnight. Wind chill feeling like -5 to -7C.	7 or 8C. Feeling like -5C in direct wind.
And in the valleys	5C or locally cooler at dawn, rising to 8C.	8 or 9C with little change through the day.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 13 December, 2025

Staying unsettled through the weekend and next week as southwesterly winds prevail and low pressure systems pass to the northwest of Scotland; sustained gales over the mountains, severe or stormy for periods. Rainfall will be frequent and heavy for periods, sometimes showery with hail in the west. Expect very wet ground conditions and further flooding of streams and some rivers. Best chance for dry and bright periods central and south Pennines, though these fleeting. Mild for the time of year, temperatures only just below freezing intermittently on higher Scottish tops, even here will experience spells above freezing with thawing, any lying snow patchy, but beware some icy surfaces on the very highest tops where some refreezing occurs.

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