

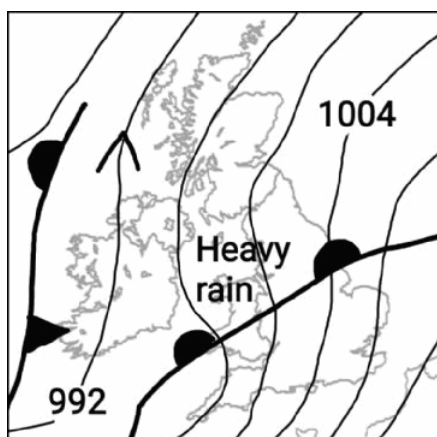
# Peak District

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 Thursday, 18 December, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 18 December, 2025

Scotland: South to south-west gales bringing hill fog and showers, before band of heavy, perhaps squally, rain moves up from the southwest in afternoon, snow tops.

England and Wales: Heavy rain spreading north with hill fog becoming extensive with strong to gale force southerly winds.

### Headline for Peak District

Strong southerly winds with heavy rain moving in from the south.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 18 December, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southerly 25 to 40mph, but direction and speed likely to vary. Chance of increasing rapidly later to 50mph+.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Expect blustery conditions, often strenuous walking and marked wind chill in exposure.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Heavy rain soon setting in</b> Dry possibly for a few hours in morning. Heavy rain moving in from south during day, likely soon persistent. Breaking up into showery rain evening into night.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Increasingly extensive</b> Banks of cloud at varying heights, but if rain sets in, widely lowering to shroud hills from mid-heights upwards.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>30% early in day, dropping below 10%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, murky in rain.
<b>Temperature (at 600m)</b>	4 or 5C, then lowering to 2C into night. Wind chill feeling like -5 to -7C on tops.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	Little variation night and day, 8 or 9C; then dropping cooler later evening onward.

## Peak District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 19 December	Saturday 20 December
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly 35 to 45mph, tending to lessen a little during day.	South to south-easterly 20 to 30mph
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Strenuous walking conditions over higher terrain, some buffeting in exposure. Considerable wind chill.</b>	<b>A blustery and at times gusty airflow will bring marked wind chill and periods of buffeting.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Brief showers</b> Local passing showers, mainly areas toward northwest Peak District and into Lancashire.	<b>Mostly dry</b> Generally dry, bar isolated spots of light rain or drizzle from the low cloud.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Often above hills</b>  Patches occasionally touching higher tops mainly toward west in morning, but often lifting above hills.	<b>Fairly extensive</b>  Likely to cover the tops often in the cloud through the day. Occasional breaks.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine most frequent east. Visibility mostly very good.	A little weak sun possible should cloud layers thin, mostly likely in the east. Visibility good or very good, but poor in any rain.
<b>Temperature (at 600m)</b>	3 or 4C. Feeling like -10C directly in the wind.	4 or 5C
<b>And in the valleys</b>	4C from dawn, rising to 8C afternoon.	6 to 8C

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 19 December, 2025

South-southwesterly winds widely remain gale force over the mountains later this week and through into Saturday, severe upland gales for periods. Showery on Friday, most frequent in western Scotland with hail, also snow over tops. Another belt of persistent rain likely arrives onto western hills into Saturday, snow only highest Scottish tops. A switch to east-southeasterly winds by Sunday into early next week, some residual rain and high-level snow, but a drier theme develops and favouring chillier conditions into the Christmas period.

### Forecast issued at 16:35 on Wednesday, 17 December, 2025

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