

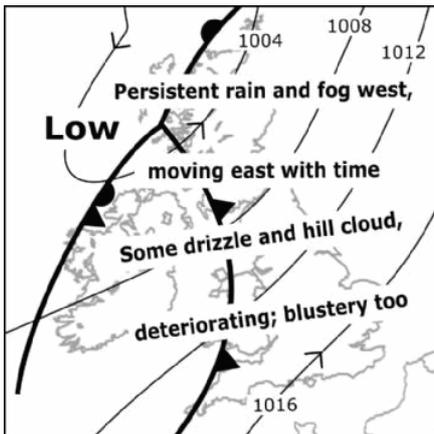
Peak District

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 Wednesday, 25 February, 2026



**British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 25 February, 2026**

Mild for the time of year; freezing levels above all summits, snow still lying on high Munros but continuing to thaw to the summits. Windy, strongest near Irish Sea and south Scotland with buffeting gusts. Rain and extensive hill cloud in west Scotland, passing east and into England and Wales with time.

Headline for Peak District

Mix of cloud and bright/sunny periods; blustery in exposure

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 25 February, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 25-35mph, gusty in places too, notably early in the day. Some variability, may trend toward the slower end of the range for several hours, but then strengthening again later and overnight.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking impeded in exposure all day, at times strenuous with a notable chilly feeling. A deterioration is likely later in the day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry but feeling damp The hills often dry, though occasional spots of drizzle on western/Lancashire Pennines. Some patchy rain may drift here towards the evening too, but soon passing.
Cloud on the hills?	Variable over high terrain, breaks Cloud comes and goes over high terrain, may at times lower to the middle elevations to the west, but with clear summits at times as well. A risk of early fog in sheltered valleys. Best chance clear edges south and east of Kinder Scout.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Variable, often bright with sunny periods, but also cloudier moments. Good visibility but a notable haze.
Temperature (at 600m)	7C from dawn, rising to 9C, some eastern slopes up to 10C. Feeling near or above freezing in strongest direct wind.
And in the valleys	8C from dawn, rising to 12C or locally warmer to the northeast.

Peak District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 26 February	Friday 27 February
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 30-40mph, a trend towards the higher end of the range with time and perhaps reaching 45mph. Strenuous-to-arduous walking all day, strongest wind necessitating notable effort to maintain stability; significant wind chill.	Highly uncertain: variable speed and direction possible, though a trend towards strengthening westerlies, up to 35mph. Uncertain, variable conditions: effects may be small for several hours but a deteriorating trend likely.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Increasing risk of rain Spots of light rain in the wind possible Lancashire Pennines from dawn, an increasing risk of spots more widely with time, most areas seeing rain as afternoon goes.	Periods of rain Rain likely affecting most hills at some point through the day, some dry moments too, but also a risk of setting in more widely for several hours, though confidence is low.
Cloud on the hills?	Variable, clear periods, may deteriorate During pulses of rain, cloud fills in from 500m upward, locally lower west. Lifting during dry periods, summit clearance is likely, but cloud returning later to largely cover the high terrain.	Mostly high terrain, breaks probably Fairly extensive over high terrain in the morning, ragged lower patches too from rain. A lifting trend, summit breaks increasingly likely, though a risk of returning extensively if rain returns.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%, lowering to 20% later	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Variable cloud, sometimes brighter skies with sunny breaks, but then overcast during rain. Good visibility during rain/fog breaks.	Sun bursts possible later in the day. Very good visibility.
Temperature (at 600m) And in the valleys	6 or 7C. Feeling like -8C in the wind. 8C from dawn, rising to 10C, may stay cooler in Lancashire Pennines.	Range of 2 to 4C, milder early, possibly 6C, trending cooler with time. Feeling like -5C if strongest wind occurs. 7C from dawn, may rise a degree, but substantially cooling afternoon, to 5C or lower after dark.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 26 February, 2026

Thursday will be windy with a swathe of rain affecting all areas at some point. A low pressure core is likely to affect the country on Friday, but detail is highly uncertain: there is a risk of rain and strong wind for central and southern areas, a general cooling trend. Snow returning to the Scottish Highlands, the snowfall level lowering into nighttime. A fast-moving ridge of high pressure leads into Saturday, then a return to west-southwesterly wind with bands of rain passing west to east through the weekend into the following week.

Mixed conditions are indicated in the following week, with low and high pressure competing for dominance: freezing levels will vary, high Scottish terrain often at or below freezing, the level occasionally lifting to and above tops.

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