

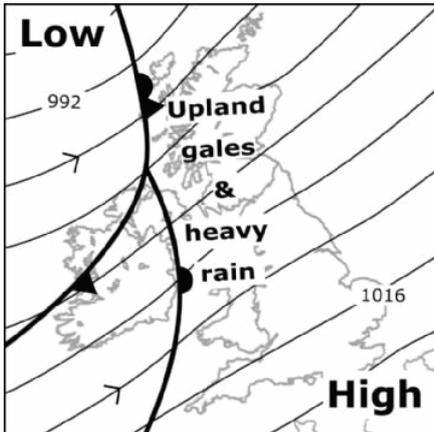
# Peak District

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, 26 February, 2026



**British Mountain Summary:  
Based on forecast chart for noon 26 February, 2026**

Gale-force southwesterlies, strengthening to be severe on higher mountains. Rain increasingly persistent from the west, some heavier falls setting in for periods combined with lowering cloud over the hills. Near freezing on higher Scottish tops, where some snow falls for a time.

**Headline for Peak District**

Windy, increasingly gales. Rain develops from west.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 26 February, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly 30-40mph, a trend towards the higher end of the range with time and later afternoon nearer 50mph at least in gusts on higher terrain.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Strenuous-to-arduous walking all day, strongest wind necessitating notable effort to maintain stability; significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Rain increasingly develops from west</b> Spots of light rain in the wind mostly Lancashire Pennines from dawn, an increasing risk of spots more widely with time, becoming more persistent and widespread steady rain into afternoon, heavier at times in west later.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Variable, clear periods, then deteriorates</b> 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.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>60%, lowering to 20% later</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Variable cloud, sometimes brighter skies with sun through high cloud in east, but then overcast during rain. Good visibility during rain/fog breaks.
<b>Temperature (at 600m)</b>	6 or 7C. Feeling like -8C in the wind.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	8C from dawn, rising to 10 or 11C, may stay cooler in Lancashire Pennines.

## Peak District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 27 February	Saturday 28 February
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	West or northwesterly 15 to 20mph, may drop lighter at times. By evening risk northerly 25mph. <b>Often fairly small, but possibly more blustery at times with marked wind chill.</b>	Variable or N-NW'ly 15 to 25mph, may drop less. Later W-SW'ly 20-25mph by dusk onward, risk 40mph into night. <b>Fairly small, but in places more blustery occasionally, feeling chilly. Deteriorating onward into night.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Periods of rain</b> High uncertainty - 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.	<b>Possible rain for a time</b> Risk of showery rain early in day, fading to become largely dry. Well onward into night, risk of rain moving in from west.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Mostly high terrain, breaks probably</b>  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.  <b>60%</b>	<b>Likely clearing</b>  Cloud banks may cover some higher moors in morning, likely to lift and largely clear.  <b>70%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy, a veil of high cloud even if skies do brighten for a time. Very good visibility, reducing in rain.	Cloud breaking in morning to leave sunny spells with time. Visibility becoming excellent.
<b>Temperature (at 600m)</b>  <b>And in the valleys</b>	4 or 5C, tending to drop into the night. Feeling like -3C if strongest wind occurs.  8 or 9C, little change much of day, then lowering to 4C overnight.	2 or 3C. Feeling like -5C if exposed to stronger breeze on hills.  4C from dawn, rising to 7 or 8C afternoon.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 27 February, 2026**

A changeable southwesterly regime continues through the weekend into early next week. Colder for a time with a drop of freezing level Friday into Saturday allowing some refreezing of higher mountain terrain mainly in Scotland, the snowpack on high mountains consolidating following recent thawing. Milder air and thawing returns into Sunday, accompanied by rain and upland gales. During next week, higher pressure is expected to develop around the British Isles, bringing quieter weather, drier for most with lighter winds. Some fronts may continue to graze northwest Scotland with rain and stronger winds locally for a few more days. Temperatures tending to be on the milder side during early March, but some frosts into valleys at times.

**Forecast issued at 16:27 on Wednesday, 25 February, 2026**

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