

Peak District

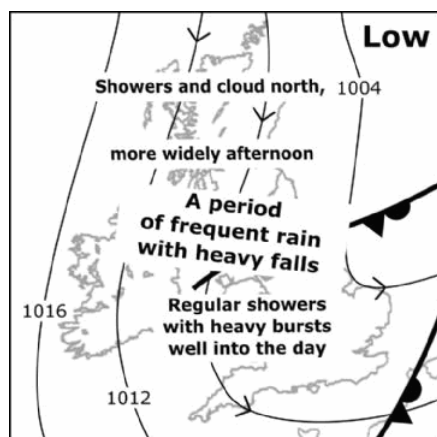
The southernmost Pennines, covering the entire Peak District National Park, also extending north to hills accessed from Hebden Bridge, and including the hills immediately north of Manchester.



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General Summary for Thursday, 20 August, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 August, 2026

Showers and low cloud push into north Scotland all day, feeling chilly in the wind. Showers more scattered over southern Munros. Showers affect south Scotland, England, and Wales all day, with a notable cluster of frequent heavy rain drifting south through England into the Peak District around midday, showers follow behind.

Headline for Peak District

Showers set in persistently for a time

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 20 August, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly turning northeasterly, speed starting around 10-15mph and highly variable, strengthening to 20-25mph through afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small for periods, particularly in the morning, but a noticeable breeze sets in over the tops afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain becomes frequent/persistent, some heavy and thundery Showery rain in the morning, local heavy bursts, developing more widely into frequent or persistent rain, thundery downpours mixed in. Beware sudden, rapid rise of steams. Breaking into more scattered showers from the north through afternoon, a few clusters with heavy bursts come and go.
Cloud on the hills?	Becoming extensive well into the day The high edges likely covered at dawn, cloud increasingly extensive to at least the middle slopes as rain becomes more frequent with ragged patches increasingly forming to lower slopes. Only starting to rise again later afternoon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloud and dull much of the day, only brighter early and late in the day where visibility will be good where out of cloud and rain.
Temperature (at 600m)	10 or 11C, beginning to cool through afternoon. Feeling like 4 to 6C in stronger wind.
And in the valleys	10 or 11C at dawn, rising to 15C early afternoon, soon beginning to cool again.

Peak District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 21 August	Saturday 22 August
How windy? (On the summits)	Northerly 10mph and sometimes less; sudden gusts form around later showers.	Northwesterly around 10mph, some variability above and below.
Effect of wind on you?	Small, though afternoon gusts will become a nuisance.	Negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Afternoon showers The morning is likely dry. Through afternoon, showery outbreaks forming, some local heavy falls; showers may cluster into extended falls.	Little or none A little damp air on sheltered slopes in the morning (not just high terrain), fading for dry hills.
Cloud on the hills?	Largely clear Around dawn, patchy mist at varied elevations, including in valleys (not necessarily covering tops), this dissipating for clear hills. A rising chance of cloud banks lowering onto the high edges where rain develops.	Little expected Some ragged patchy cloud here and there in the morning, mostly middle and upper slopes, this soon lifting and likely clearing off the tops for the rest of the day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%, lowering to 70%	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sun through high cloud, trending often cloudy for several afternoon hours. Very good visibility, variably deteriorating with arrival of rain.	Often sunny, fair weather cloud building afternoon. Excellent visibility.
Temperature (at 600m)	8C rising to 12C. Starting to cool late afternoon as showers form.	8C rising to 14C.
And in the valleys	8C rising to 17C. As showers form, temperature begins to variably lower by several degrees.	8C rising to 19C.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 21 August, 2026

As the weekend approaches, wind shifts northerly, moving showers southward. Generally lighter wind but gusts will be common around showers. Temperature lowers too, dropping close to freezing on high Scottish tops on Friday morning (chance of sleet/snow here) and frost may occur in Highland glens over a couple of nights. Heavy showers in England and Wales on Friday, then more often dry with few lighter showers through the weekend as higher pressure builds into the southwest. Conditions remain on the drier, brighter side into early next week. Wind shifts southwesterly and pressure drops again as the week goes, bringing periods of cloud and rain for most hill groups, and perhaps some stronger wind at times. Detail is uncertain, but some windows of better weather are possible, notably in north and eastern areas.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Wednesday, 19 August, 2026

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