

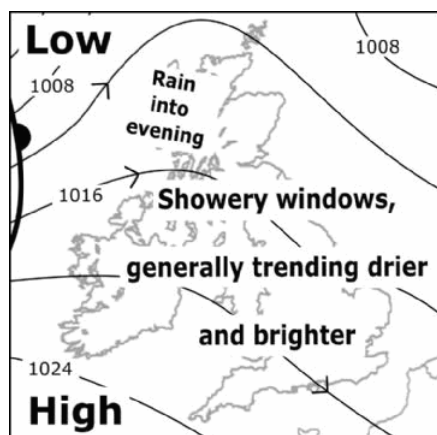
Peak District

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, 16 September, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 September, 2026

Northwesterly wind pushes chilly air and showers into Scotland, milder but showery in Wales and west England. Wind lessens and showers increasingly scattering, a few light showery clusters here and there (total rainfall small). Rain and wind into west Scotland later, spreading widely overnight.

Headline for Peak District

Regular sun, showers on-and-off, tending to fade

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 16 September, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 25-30mph just at dawn, lessening and shifting westerly, 15mph for a time, later restrengthening and shifting southwesterly, 25-30mph into night and further strengthening.
Effect of wind on you?	A blustery start, particularly on high tops, but soon easing to fairly small effects until late in the day when becoming blustery in exposure again with a cool feeling.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, scattering Morning showers, a chance of extended falls but totals will be small, except perhaps southernmost moors. Showers will generally scatter through the afternoon and become lighter, dry hills by late afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied patches morning, clear afternoon Cloud banks drifting around high terrain in the morning, a few lower banks in the early hours, particularly where rain occurs, but will lift and break off the summits for clear hills by afternoon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine, some more extensive sunny windows at times, then thin high cloud arrives from the west later in the day. Very good visibility.
Temperature (at 600m)	9C rising to 11C. Feeling like 2 to 5C in strongest direct wind in the early and late hours.
And in the valleys	9C at dawn, slow to rise through morning, approaching 13 or 14C afternoon.

Peak District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 17 September	Friday 18 September
How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 25-35mph, notable gusts, trending towards higher speeds.	Westerly 25-35mph; turning southwesterly, strengthening to a gusty 35-40mph, or briefly stronger.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery with buffeting gusts in exposure, some more strenuous moments occurring; notable wind chill.	Blustery in exposure, more strenuous later with buffeting gusts affecting stability; notable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Light showers A band of rain over most hills just at and before dawn, this soon clearing east, followed by showers drifting onto the hills from the west. Total rainfall amounting to little and dry windows likely, least rain southern hills.	Little until later A few spots of drizzly rain, mostly early, but largely dry until later when patchy rain arrives from the west, extended falls possible.
Cloud on the hills?	Soon clear Ragged cloud at varied heights in the morning soon lifts and breaks above the tops for clear hills.	Clear for a time, returning in rain Ragged cloud at varied heights in the morning, particularly west slopes, but lifting and breaking above the summits well into the day. As patchy rain returns, banks return to high tops, and will tend to lower into evening/night.
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%	90%, lowering to 60%, further deteriorating into night
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of cloud and sun. Good visibility, a little haze.	Patchy sunshine, trending overcast with time. Hazy at best, visibility deteriorating later as cloud and rain arrive.
Temperature (at 600m) And in the valleys	9 to 11C, varying within this window. Feeling like 1 to 3C in strongest direct wind. 10C at dawn, rising towards 13 or 14C, but will variably lower around showers.	7C rising to 12C afternoon, rising slightly further evening into night. Feeling like 2 to 4C in direct wind. 9C at dawn rising to 15C afternoon, only slight drop (if any) into night.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 17 September, 2026

Showers and strong westerly wind prevails from Thursday into the weekend - areas of low pressure passing north of Scotland with frontal systems bringing bands of rain, followed by showers, wettest over western mountains in Scotland. Periods of gale-force winds over higher terrain, cool temperatures with significant wind chill, particularly in the north where temperatures will occasionally approach freezing point on high Scottish tops. Showers generally more scattered in England and Wales, most showers in the west; bright spells too, but bands of rain and low cloud will pass these areas. Mild temperatures, at times warm south Pennines and Wales.

Milder, more settled weather is indicated next week, though sometimes breezy in Scotland, spells of rain in the west.

Forecast issued at 16:12 on Tuesday, 15 September, 2026

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