

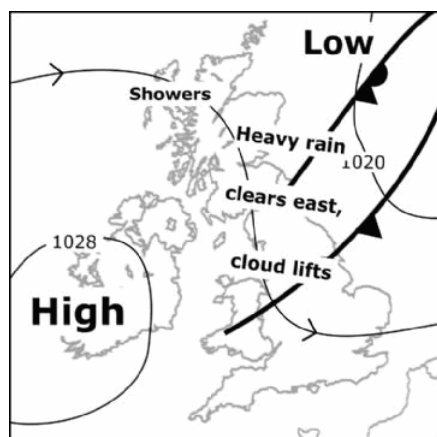
Peak District

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, 23 September, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 September, 2026

Rain and strong winds soon clears east from Scotland, but lasts a few hours over northern England and Wales in the morning with some heavier bursts. A marked improvement follows as cloud lifts and breaks up. A few showers continue near west coasts of Scotland. Feeling rather chilly in a fresh breeze.

Headline for Peak District

Blustery, some heavy rain, improving to sunshine and clear hills.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 23 September, 2026

How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly 25mph, some variability, shifting northwesterly, gusting 30-35mph over tops for a few hours in morning, but during afternoon tending to lessen to 20mph. Dropping to very little wind onward into night. Blustery in morning with some buffeting gusts, feeling increasingly notably cool, though improving to smaller effect on walking during afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain heavy for a time, fading away afternoon Patchy rain around from dawn, a mix of rain and drizzle, but rain will become more frequent for a few hours, some heavy bursts moving eastward, chance isolated thunder, then breaking up quickly in middle of day to be largely dry, rare brief residual showers.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Mostly over tops, more extensive for a time Cloud banks drifting around high tops through morning, a few breaks but also lower patches around rain, and will fill in more extensively over high terrain for a few hours. Cloud breaks up again through afternoon, little remaining later. 30%, rising to 90% later in the day
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A few glimpses of sun at dawn, then more overcast for several hours, at times dull. Breaking for mostly sunny conditions later afternoon and excellent visibility.
Temperature (at 600m) And in the valleys	13C, may rise a degree, but soon lowering, to around 9C later. 14C at dawn, rising to 17C afternoon, beginning to cool again as afternoon goes, finishing near 11C into evening.

Peak District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 24 September	Friday 25 September
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 15-20mph, gradually strengthening towards 30mph later, quite gusty. Fairly small, but increasingly blustery on the tops.	Westerly 15 to 20mph, occasionally 25mph. Fairly small, but feeling blustery at times in exposed on higher moors.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected	Patchy rain develops Largely dry morning, then a little rain may develop over western hills with time, mostly Lancashire Pennines.
Cloud on the hills?	Little or none Some mist scattered in valleys at dawn, soon dissipating after sunrise for clear hills.	Mostly little, risk some low cloud west Some cloud banks drifting onto moors mainly in the west, but much of the region may see cloud often above the hills.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Above 90%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun through high cloud. A little early haze but visibility otherwise very good.	Fairly cloudy, some weak sun through high cloud. Visibility good.
Temperature (at 600m) And in the valleys	7C rising to 12C, staying elevated into night. 7C at dawn, rising to 16 or 17C afternoon.	Around 12C, little change all day. 12C at dawn, rising to 17C afternoon.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 24 September, 2026

Southwesterly winds increase again on Thursday and rain later moves into western Scotland, but elsewhere is likely dry, bright in Wales and much of England. A variable outlook continues into the weekend and beyond with high pressure building from the south at times with fairly warm and dry conditions, but Atlantic systems still pass to the north bringing occasional rain and showers toward western Scotland at least, strong wind here with sustained gales in the north. Next week remains on the unsettled side: west-southwesterly wind with bands of rain passing over most mountains, but a trend towards higher pressure brings longer settled windows into October.

Forecast issued at 16:28 on Tuesday, 22 September, 2026

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