

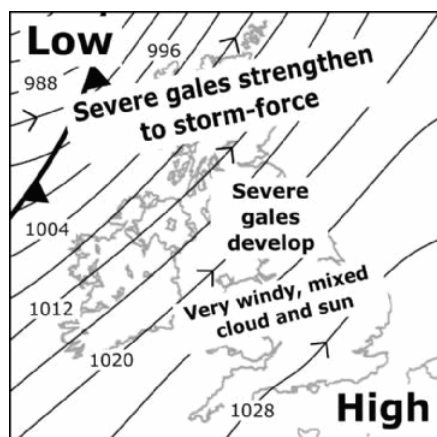
Peak District

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.



MWIS Mountain Skills and Weather - 24-25th October - Plas Y Brenin, Snowdonia
Indoor-outdoor skills course - introduction to mountaineering and understanding the weather

General Summary for Wednesday, 14 October, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 October, 2026

Gales in north England and Scotland, strengthening for severe conditions, storm-force over Munros. Cloud and patchy rain, mostly west, increasing through afternoon, steady heavy rain northwest highlands later. Near-gales for south Pennines and Wales, mixed cloud and sun, some patchy rain forming.

Headline for Peak District

Windy, strengthening, powerful gusts; mixed cloud and sun

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 14 October, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly, in range 25 to 40mph, notable increase with height; sustained speeds strongest in afternoon, near 40mph with powerful gusts approaching 50mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Increasingly strenuous walking conditions on higher moors, gusts knocking you off balance, later more challenging with balance requiring constant effort.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry Odd spots of drizzly rain in the wind may drift onto western hills, mostly areas north from the M62.
Cloud on the hills?	Occasional patches touch high tops Some banks of cloud drifting over higher moors mostly in western areas, but often lifting to 600m or just above tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly weak sun through high cloud. Visibility good.
Temperature (at 600m)	8C rising to 11C, only slight drop into night. Feeling like -3C directly in the wind.
And in the valleys	6C at dawn, rising to a mild 16C by late afternoon.

Peak District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 15 October	Friday 16 October
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 35-45mph, a gradual easing tendency, towards 30mph later.	Northwesterly 25-30mph just around dawn, trending lighter, 20-25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking in exposure, more arduous early with considerable wind chill; effects will tend to ease.	Blustery moments in exposure, particularly early, but also fairly small at times.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Substantially dry during daylight A little damp air/drizzle may affect the high edges but otherwise a dry day. Late afternoon into evening, a band of rain approaches from the northwest, setting in overnight.	Rare light showers A few light showers here and there (may come as a cluster), but otherwise dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied over tops, deteriorating late Some ragged cloud may graze the high edges at times; a few early hours when patches may form more widely, but will generally clear off the hills well into the day. As rain arrives late afternoon into evening, cloud lowers fairly extensively.	Likely none A little ragged cloud may cling to some slopes around dawn, this soon lifting and dissipating for cloud-free hills.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%, later lowering to 40%	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine in and out, becoming cloudy later. Generally good visibility.	Often sunny, some patchy high cloud at times. Very good visibility.
Temperature (at 600m)	10C rising to 14C, only slightly cooling into night at first, then sharply later overnight.	6 or 7C, may locally rise a degree on sun-exposed slopes.
And in the valleys	11C at dawn, rising to a mild 17C.	7C at dawn, rising to 11C.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 15 October, 2026

Frontal rain into south Scotland and north England on Thursday, though details of how the front will move are currently uncertain. Starting on the milder side south of the front, fresher air arrives behind the rain Thursday into Friday, sun breaking out with a few showers - Scottish high summits drop back close to freezing with some snow falling on higher tops. Higher pressure builds on Friday, easing remaining showers with plenty of sun breaking out though a gusty northerly wind will persist for a time. A window of settled weather over the weekend and scope for local inversion conditions. Clear night skies allow for chilly mornings, ground frosts likely, and may remain breezy south Pennines and Wales. Pressure remains high into the next week though a few brief unsettled moments come and go.

Forecast issued at 16:24 on Tuesday, 13 October, 2026

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