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Peak District

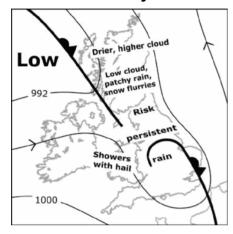
The southernmost Pennines, covering the entire Peak District National Park, also extending north to hills accessed from Hebden Bridge, and including the hills immediately north of Manchester.





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General Summary for Thursday, 4 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 4 December, 2025

A complex weather situation with areas of frequent or persistent rain and hill snow, focused from the southern Highlands to northern England; often strong SE'ly winds. Further north in the Highlands, generally drier with higher cloud breaks. In Wales, becoming showery westerlies with risk of hail.

Headline for Peak District

Risk rain and low cloud most of day, periods of strong winds.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 4 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	High uncertainty, likely to vary through the day: Southeast becoming variable, 30-35mph from before dawn, gradually decreasing, a possible lull early afternoon, then abruptly westerly 30-40mph up to dusk.		
Effect of wind on you?	Expect variations - prepare for arduous morning conditions which likely ease, but then risk worsening rapidly again later in daytime. Notable wind chill.		
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain becoming persistent from west Rain encroaching from west, fairly persistent throughout the day, possibly heavy for spells, particularly western areas in the morning, but increasingly widely.		
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Cloud likely to shroud hills most or all day above 400-500m, at times lower in constant rain.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Poor visibility due to low cloud and often rain.		
Temperature (at 600m)	3C. Feeling like -5C in the stronger wind.		
And in the valleys	Around 5 or 6C all day.		

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Peak District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 5 December	Saturday 6 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 25-35mph, trending southeasterly and rising to 40mph, further deteriorating into night.	Southwesterly 25 to 35mph, may strengthen further during the day.
Effect of wind on you?	Comfortable walking affected from dawn, blustery in exposure. Deteriorating into night. Significant wind chill.	Blustery over the hills, starting to affect comfortable walking, may become more challenging with time.
How wet?	Many areas dry before late afternoon rain	Patchy rain, showers
(Precipitation and its impact)	Local patches of rain drift from the west but many hills substantially dry well into the day. Rain arrives from the west afternoon, spreading widely and setting in heavy for a few hours into night.	Mostly small amounts of rain, but feeling damp where in cloud and occasional steadier rain or an odd shower coming in from the west.
Cloud on the hills?	Clearing tops for a time, deteriorating later	Mostly higher and western hills
	Cloud banks cover the high tops in the morning with lower patches, mostly on western slopes. A rising trend, perhaps clear summits for several hours, then returning to summits again later in the day.	Often covering higher slopes above 500-600m, most persistent western hills, may be lower on slopes nearer Manchester particularly in morning. Often above lower eastern moors.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Rising to 70% for several hours	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A bright sunrise in the east, soon overcast. Good visibility but a haze.	Glimpses of sun eastern areas. Visibility good below cloud, reduced at times in rain.
Temperature (at 600m)	3C; rising several degrees after dark. Feeling like -8 to -10C in the wind.	6C. Wind chill feeling like -5C on tops.
And in the valleys	A light frost in most valleys at dawn, slowly rising to 5C then rapidly higher after dark.	8 or 9C, little variation night and day.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 5 December, 2025

Generally unsettled through the weekend and into next week with areas of low pressure circulating near to the British Isles. Temperatures often near to freezing point on higher Scottish mountains, at times on tops elsewhere, though some thawing will occur periodically even to high tops in the Highlands. A complex series of frontal systems bringing spells of rain and some upland snow, mixed with showers with hail mostly near western coasts. Wind speeds will also vary, often south to southwesterlies, at times reaching gale force on tops, but intermittent lulls.

Forecast issued at 7:15 on Thursday, 4 December, 2025

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