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Peak District

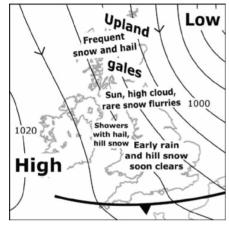
The southernmost Pennines, covering the entire Peak District National Park, also extending north to hills accessed from Hebden Bridge, and including the hills immediately north of Manchester.





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General Summary for Thursday, 1 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 1 January, 2026

Cold north-northwesterly winds, widely gale force over the mountains, difficult conditions with severe chill factor on Scottish high tops. Showery snow and hail frequent in northern Scotland. Rare showers central Scotland and northern England. Early rain and hill snow followed by showers in Wales.

Headline for Peak District

Windy, up to gale-force tops, often dry, rare showers.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 1 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	West to northwesterly 30 to 40mph.		
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking in exposure on higher hills, buffeting gusts, more challenging conditions in places. Significant wind chill.		
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Mostly dry daytime, rare showers Showery for a few hours from overnight to just around dawn, falling as sleet or snow above 500-600m. Clearing to be often dry, odd brief showers in west. Greater risk of scattered snow showers into the evening and night.		
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free	Soon mostly above hills Banks of cloud above 500-600m from dawn, particularly western areas, but soon lifting to largely clear the hills. 70% rising above 90%		
summits? Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloudy start, then patchwork of sunshine, some high cloud. Visibility very good, occasionally reduced in showers.		
Temperature (at 600m)	+1C. Wind chill feeling like -7 to -10C.		
And in the valleys	5 or 6C, little change from night into day, but then dropping to freezing onward into evening.		

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Peak District - Looking Ahead

	Friday 2 January	Saturday 3 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 25 to 35mph.	North to northwesterly 25 to 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable wind chill over the hills. Blustery, starting to affect comfortable walking in exposure on tops.	Continued considerable wind chill over the hills. Affecting ease of walking where exposed on tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Likely dry day Chance of local snow and hail showers toward the west from overnight through to dawn, otherwise dry.	Precipitation not expected
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any Rare brief fragments higher slopes mainly morning.	Hills clear
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%	Above 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny. Visibility excellent.	Generally sunny. Visibility excellent.
Temperature (at 600m)	-2C. Wind chill feeling like -12C on tops.	-3C. Wind chill feeling like -12C in exposure on high tops.
And in the valleys	Near 0C from dawn, rising to max 2C, then rapidly dropping below freezing into evening-night.	Terrain widely frozen, starting near -5C from dawn, staying sub-zero in some valleys, max 1 or 2C.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 2 January, 2026

Terrain extensively frozen onward into the weekend and early next week at least; sub-zero temperatures from the glens upward in Scotland and some valleys inland in northern England. Substantial fresh snow accumulations in the North West Highlands and Cairngorms, heavy showers streaming in from the north also containing hail. Largely dry and sunny from central Scotland to northern England. Hail and snow showers will run into north and west Wales from the sea. Bitter northerly winds, up to gale force higher tops, tending to lessen into Sunday. Some fluctuation of freezing level during next week, but some fronts moving in from northwest likely bring snowfall to hills at times more widely.

Forecast issued at 15:55 on Wednesday, 31 December, 2025

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