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# **Peak District**

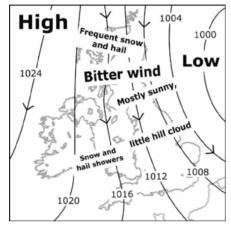
The southernmost Pennines, covering the entire Peak District National Park, also extending north to hills accessed from Hebden Bridge, and including the hills immediately north of Manchester.





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# General Summary for Saturday, 3 January, 2026



# British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 3 January, 2026

Widespread sub-zero temperatures and wind, gales in northern England and Scotland; wind chill approaching -20C or lower on high summits. Near-constant snow showers in northern Scotland with snowdrifts building; snow showers into central/west Scotland and west Wales too. Mostly sunny southern Scotland and England.

#### **Headline for Peak District**

Very cold in blustery wind; extensive sunshine

### Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 3 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	North to northwesterly 30 to 40mph, some stronger periods coming and going in the morning. Trending towards largely around 30mph with time afternoon.	
Effect of wind on you?	Significant wind chill over the hills. Strenuous walking conditions, frequent buffeting over exposed higher terrain, a slight easing of conditions with time.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation not expected	
Cloud on the hills?	Hills clear	
Chance of cloud free summits?	Above 90%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive sunshine. Visibility excellent.	
Temperature (at 600m)	-3 or -4C, though may start cooler just before daybreak. Wind chill feeling as cold as -18C in exposure on highest tops early in the day.	
And in the valleys	Terrain widely frozen, starting near -4C from dawn, staying sub-zero in some valleys, lifting to +1C on sun-exposed aspects.	

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#### **Peak District - Looking Ahead**

	Sunday 4 January	Monday 5 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 30-35mph.	Northerly 20-30mph, trending towards lower speed later in the day.
Effect of wind on you?	Continued considerable wind chill over the hills. Affecting ease of walking where exposed on tops.	Considerable wind chill over the hills.  Affecting ease of walking where exposed on tops, though trending easier.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation unlikely Small risk of some snow showers on the hills south of Kinder Scout late in the day/after sunset.	Precipitation not expected
Cloud on the hills?	Hills clear	Hills clear
Chance of cloud free summits?	Above 90%	Above 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widely sunny, some high cloud later in the day. Visibility excellent.	Mostly sunny, some patchy cloud may drift over moors south of Kinder Scout. Visibility excellent.
Temperature (at 600m)	-3C. Wind chill feeling like -12C in exposure on high tops.	-3C. Wind chill feeling as cold as -15C in exposure on high tops.
And in the valleys	Terrain widely frozen, starting near -4C from dawn, staying sub-zero most valleys, up to 1C where exposed to sun.	Terrain widely frozen, starting near -5C from dawn, staying sub-zero all day, some sun-exposed valleys reaching 0C.

## **Planning Outlook**

#### All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 4 January, 2026

Terrain extensively frozen into early next week; sub-zero temperatures from the glens upward in Scotland and increasingly into valleys in England and Wales. Heavy showers streaming into northern and coastal Scotland, some containing hail, most terrain covered in snow with substantial snowdrifts in the Northwest Highlands and Cairngorms. Largely dry and sunny in southern Scotland and England. Hail and snow showers will run into north and west Wales from the sea. Bitter northerly winds, up to gale force higher tops at times.

More variable next week: some fluctuation of freezing level during next week, though most high terrain stays sub-zero, and as fronts come in from the west, upland snowfalls are possible more widely.

#### Forecast issued at 15:16 on Friday, 2 January, 2026

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