

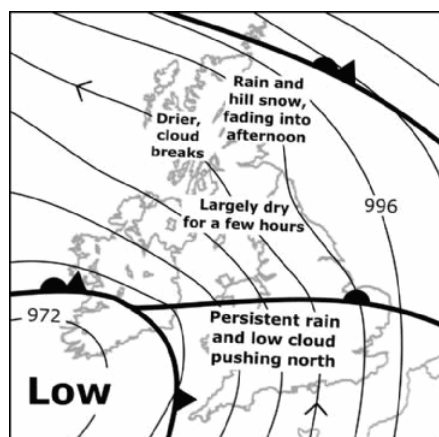
Peak District

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, 21 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 January, 2026

Rain and hill snow in eastern Scotland in the morning tends to ease off; largely dry toward west. E-SE'ly gales in north, lower wind speeds S & W Highlands, but increasing again later. In England & Wales, upland gales all day, rain and initially snow on tops extending north, becoming milder from the south.

Headline for Peak District

Windy, up to gale force. Rain and low cloud increasingly.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 21 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly strengthening 25 to 40mph morning into middle of day, then little change during afternoon 35-40mph with some stronger gusts.
Effect of wind on you?	Soon strenuous walking in exposure over the tops, frequent buffeting gusts near some edges. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Increasingly damp, rain at times Dry start, but pulses of rain moving in from south later morning into middle of day, likely persistent steadier rain at times, some heavier bursts mixed in with drizzle. Rain on and off into evening.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied, then lowering extensively Banks of low cloud across hills, in places patches to lower slopes from dawn. Local breaks toward higher areas for a time in morning, best in northwest. Then lowering widely across hills widely above 300-400m into afternoon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40% morning, dropping below 10% afternoon.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Some early brightness, but increasingly overcast and dull, poor visibility in rain.
Temperature (at 600m)	2C, then rising to 4 or 5C evening into night. Wind chill feeling like -7 to -10C where exposed on higher areas.
And in the valleys	5 or 6C, small variation night into day, but slightly milder later afternoon onward into the evening.

Peak District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 22 January	Friday 23 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 35 to 45mph, very gusty in places around exposed edges and tops.	East-southeasterly 35 to 40mph, very gusty in places around exposed edges and tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging walking on higher terrain, gusts knocking you off balance not just on tops. Significant wind chill.	Challenging walking on higher terrain, gusts may knock you off balance not just on tops. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain, risk more frequent Rain on and off, may be small amounts, but risk more persistent over a few hours. Less toward the west.	Rain on and off, sleet on high tops Rain on and off most of the day, sleet on the high tops; may be small amounts, but risk more frequent later in the day.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive higher moors Covering higher slopes much of the day above 500-600m, some higher breaks toward western areas.	Fairly extensive higher moors Covering higher slopes much of the day above 500-600m, oftentimes lower bases on eastern slopes. Some higher breaks toward western areas.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, some brighter moments mainly western areas where visibility good below cloud, some haze likely.	Largely cloudy, some brighter moments mainly western areas where visibility good below cloud, some haze likely.
Temperature (at 600m)	2 or 3C. Wind chill feels as cold as -12C.	2 or 3C, may cool slightly late in the day. Wind chill feels as cold as -12C.
And in the valleys	Small change around 5 or 6C night into day.	4C from dawn, locally rising to 5C but little change broadly.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 22 January, 2026

Sustained gale force easterlies over most mountains later this week, powerful gusts downslope toward west; severe chill factor. Colder air and lowering freezing level moves into Scotland Thursday-Friday, much mountain terrain then frozen into the weekend and early next week. Substantial snowfalls over eastern Scottish hills later this week, drier to the west. Dropping just below freezing on high tops in England and Wales - a mix of rain and high level snow; colder further south over the weekend. Circulating low pressure and cold air into next week, with further snowfalls likely. Lower wind speeds early in the new week, but then likely increasing E-SE'ly again.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Tuesday, 20 January, 2026

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