

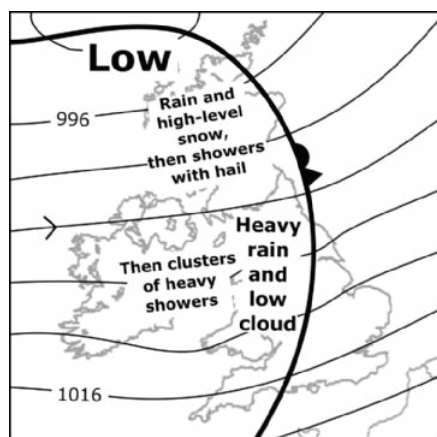
Peak District

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 Friday, 20 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 February, 2026

Extensive gale-force southwesterlies. A rise of freezing level toward higher tops in Scotland, where early hill snow soon turns mostly to rain. Lifting above freezing to highest tops in England & Wales by dawn, a few hours of heavy rain. Clusters of heavy showers follow into all western areas with hail, a chance of thunder.

Headline for Peak District

Upland gales. Wet much of day, heavy rain most persistent west.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 20 February, 2026

How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly strengthening in morning 30-35mph up to 45-50mph for a few hours through middle of day, marginally lower in afternoon, but often near 40mph on tops; a westerly shift during afternoon. Conditions soon become challenging with significant wind chill; maintaining stability requires constant effort in exposure.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain soon develops, heavy at times, showery Patchy rain from dawn becomes more persistent from west during morning, heavy for a time over an hour or so into middle of day. Breaking into showers during afternoon, but rain becomes locally frequent or persistent again in west, heavy bursts with risk of hail.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Highly variable, high breaks During rain, cloud fills in extensively to the middle or lower slopes, but also high breaks during cessation in rain, with a chance of clearing the summits for periods. 50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often cloudy but with bright or sunny breaks coming and going. Variable visibility, good out of cloud and rain but also hazy.
Temperature (at 600m) And in the valleys	1 or 2C just at dawn, soon rising to 5 or 6C. Feeling like -5 to -10C in direct wind. 4C from dawn, rising to 8 or 9C afternoon, remaining mild into night.

Peak District - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 21 February	Sunday 22 February
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 25 to 35mph, tending to strengthen further up to dusk, 40-50mph into evening. Uncomfortable walking, strenuous in exposure on higher moors, becoming more challenging widely later.	Southwesterly 30 to 40mph, squally gusts in showers. Strenuous walking over the hills, challenging on exposed higher terrain with buffeting gusts. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and drizzle Rain on and off, persistently drizzly at least over western hills, more constant rain for periods into afternoon.	Occasional showers Overnight heavy rain likely clears southeast around or before dawn. Then scattered showers spreading from the west, locally more frequent at times western hills toward the north.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Blanketing higher terrain most or all day, lowest in west, often 300-400m, at times lower in rain. Further eastward, bases toward 500m, occasionally higher.	Sometimes covering higher moors Likely to come and go on higher slopes around rain, most frequent western areas, occasionally forming below 500m. More often above hills eastward.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, locally brighter skies for a time eastern areas. Hazy, visibility widely poor in rain.	Sun breaking through at times mainly eastern areas. Visibility very good, but reduced in showers.
Temperature (at 600m) And in the valleys	6C. Where exposed to stronger winds on tops, feeling like -5C. Mild from dawn, little change during day, 9 or 10C, locally warmer eastern valleys.	5 or 6C. Wind chill feeling like -5 to -8C. 8C from dawn, up to 10 or 11C afternoon, but lowering slightly in showers.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 21 February, 2026**

Southwesterly winds brings milder conditions into this weekend - lifting above freezing to tops in England and Wales with substantial thawing, and generally higher freezing levels in Scotland; periods of thawing to Munro summits will occur but also further snowfall and refreezing on higher terrain during the day-to-day variability of precipitation and freezing levels onward into early next week. Likely colder later next week, back below freezing on higher terrain for a run of days. Often windy with periods of upland gales. Some spells of heavy rain over all western hills and low cloud frequently covering the hills.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Thursday, 19 February, 2026

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