

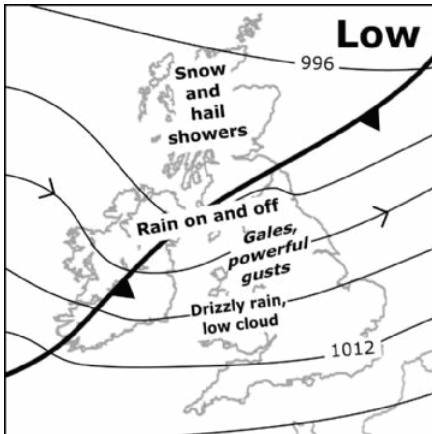
Peak District

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, 3 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 3 April, 2026

Cold with showery snow in the Highlands, also hail in north. Varied winds, blustery in northern Scotland, moderating for a time central Highlands. In England & Wales, a swathe of gales likely affects the mountains, but still some uncertainty about the northward extent; rain and drizzle, plus low cloud covering many hills.

Headline for Peak District

Windy, gales likely on tops. Occasional rain and drizzle, low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 3 April, 2026

<p>How windy? (On the summits)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Southwesterly, speed likely to vary, from 35-40mph up to dawn, to briefly 25mph or less, then increasing again toward 40mph over high tops and very gusty, risk 50mph in places near edges and some eastern downslopes.</p> <p>Beware of changing conditions - possibly fairly small effects for a time, but likely deteriorating to make walking strenuous, arduous in exposure on tops with buffeting gusts and considerable wind chill.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Patchy rain, some heavier rain later</p> <p>Rain comes and goes over most hills throughout the day, typically light and patchy in nature, though some heavier bursts with time as a front moves in from the north, mainly late afternoon-evening.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free summits?</p>	<p>Fairly extensive, higher afternoon</p> <p>A layer of cloud shrouds the high edges in the morning, bases lowering to the middle slopes during rain. Occasional breaks approaching the tops into the afternoon, lifting above hills if dry for longer, but filling in again in rain.</p> <p>20% rising to 50%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Often overcast, poor visibility for a few hours, but glimpses of sun breaking out from time to time mainly east afternoon, visibility then good below cloud.</p>
<p>Temperature (at 600m)</p> <p>And in the valleys</p>	<p>5 to 7C. Feeling as cold as -8C in strongest wind.</p> <p>6C at dawn, lifting up to 10 or 11C.</p>

Peak District - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 4 April	Sunday 5 April
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly, briefly below 20mph early in day, but rapid increase to 40-50mph into afternoon, 60mph high tops evening. Small early in day, but deteriorating during daytime - walking becoming challenging then more difficult.	Westerly 40mph from dawn, easing gradually to 25mph afternoon. Strenuous walking conditions, buffeting in exposure, gradually improving but still blustery. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and drizzle for a few hours Likely dry from dawn, but patchy rain and drizzle develops, more persistent for a time into middle of day in west, though fading afternoon. Toward or after dusk, a band of heavy rain passes west to east. Into night, hail showers.	Showers with hail A scattering of showers, most widespread into afternoon, some briefly heavy with hail, some snow mixed in over higher tops mostly above 500m.
Cloud on the hills?	Foggy over hills for a few hours at least Cloud likely to lower across the moors in the morning, shrouding the hills widely above 400m, possibly lower for a time, then lifting above 500-600m afternoon, may break more widely above tops.	Mostly above tops Brief patches grazing higher western slopes around showers, but most cloud above the hills.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely overcast, dull or murky, poor visibility for a time, then some improvement to brighter skies and better visibility, though still fairly cloudy afternoon.	Bursts of bright sunshine and very good visibility, but briefly very poor in showers.
Temperature (at 600m) And in the valleys	2C at first, rising steadily to 9C afternoon. Feeling nearer -5C later as wind strengthens. 3C up to dawn, rising to 14C afternoon.	0C rising to 3C afternoon. Feeling like -7 to -10C in the wind. 4C at dawn, rising to 8 or 9C afternoon, dropping a couple of degrees in showers.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 4 April, 2026**

A storm system moves across Britain over the Easter weekend, bringing severe conditions increasingly widely - severe gales over the mountains advancing northwards into Scotland by later Saturday daytime. Rain and hill snow also sweeps northward - a substantial snowfall develops particularly in northern Scotland later Saturday. Colder for all by Sunday with all mountains sub-zero, above 600-700m in Scotland, 800m in England and Wales - hail and snow showers with gales bringing severe chill factor. Milder southerlies develop for Monday, dry for most, but risk of gales especially in the west. A changeable weather regime is expected to continue next week, possibly turning chillier again later in the week.

Forecast issued at 15:46 on Thursday, 2 April, 2026

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