

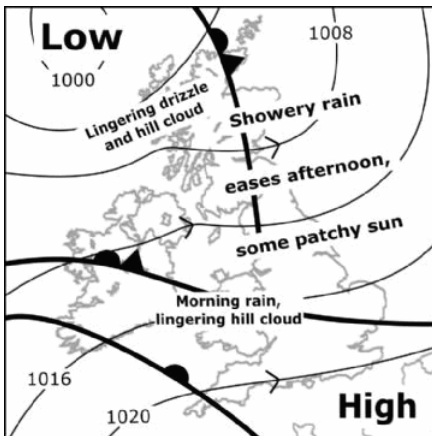
# Peak District

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, 20 May, 2026



**British Mountain Summary:  
Based on forecast chart for noon 20 May, 2026**

Windy with strong gusts, briefly lighter early in Scottish Highlands. Morning showery rain and low cloud; improving afternoon as patchy sun breaks out, cloud lifting to high terrain with summit breaks, and most areas substantially dry by later afternoon. Low cloud lingers in Wales and NW Scotland.

**Headline for Peak District**

Windy; wet morning and hill cloud, drier afternoon with sun breaks

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 20 May, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	West-southwesterly 30-35mph; risk of a swathe of stronger wind for several midday hours, gusts approaching 40mph over the high tops.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking impeded in exposure and often strenuous and feeling chilly; considerable buffeting over high terrain, balance challenged in strongest gusts.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Frequent rain, easing through afternoon</b> Frequent showery rain through the morning and early afternoon, some fine drizzle on high summits between showers possible. An easing tendency through afternoon, largely dry by evening, only odd spots remaining.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Lifting to largely clear summits</b> Fairly extensive early to middle slopes and locally lower to the west. Bases rise through morning to the high summits, and likely largely broken off the summits from midday on, but a few passing banks may return where rain occurs.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Rising to 80%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Glimpses of sun, a few more extended bursts in the north later in the day. Variable visibility, starting mostly poor but becoming very good as cloud and rain break.
<b>Temperature (at 600m)</b>	7C rising to 11 or 12C, warmest east of high tops. Only dropping slightly into night. Feeling just above freezing in strongest direct wind.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	8C from dawn, rising to 15C.

## Peak District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 21 May	Friday 22 May
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly 25-35mph. Gusty, particularly early when may be quite powerful.	Southerly 25-30mph, gusty early including downslope. Easing to 20-25mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking impeded in exposure and feeling cool. Buffeting gusts will affect stability, particularly early and not just high terrain.</b>	<b>Strenuous walking early with buffeting gusts, including downslope. Easing, but wind and gusts remain a nuisance.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Early rain, trending dry</b> Patchy rain from before dawn lingers for a few hours. Once passed, a few spots of drizzly rain continue to affect the hills but dry periods increasingly common and extended.	<b>Rain unlikely</b> Small chance spots of rain as dusk approaches but likely dry.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive early, lifting off the summits</b>  Cloud shrouds the moors from dawn, locally into sheltered valleys. As rain breaks cloud bases lifts, largely to or above the tops and also breaking up with time.	<b>Little or none</b>  Patchy mist in sheltered valleys at dawn. Mist begins lifting upslope soon after sunrise, soon dissipating for cloud-free moors.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>20% rising to 70%</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull with poor visibility for several morning hours, the cloud breaking for sunny glimpses and better visibility with time.	Often sunny, some high cloud weakening or at times covering the sun. Very good visibility, a light morning haze.
<b>Temperature (at 600m)</b>	9C rising to 14 or 15C. Feeling as cool as 5C in strongest wind.	13C rising to 19C.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	10C at dawn, rising to 18C.	10 or 11C at dawn, rising to 23C.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 21 May, 2026

Pressure rises as the weekend approaches, facilitating south-southwesterly wind; much milder temperatures arriving, likely warm in England and Wales by the weekend. Blustery wind for a few days, quite gusty too, including to lower slopes early; still feeling chilly on high Scottish tops, and strongest gusts will challenge stability. Patchy rain and hill cloud will continue to affect Scotland as well, most often in the west. Increasingly dry and sunny England and Wales, but always with a risk of cloud and some rain, including early valley mist in sheltered areas.

Higher pressure is indicated into next week as well. Precise detail of the high pressure core remains uncertain - the risk of strong wind and spells of rain possible for most areas, but also extended bright and warm periods too.

### Forecast issued at 16:11 on Tuesday, 19 May, 2026

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