

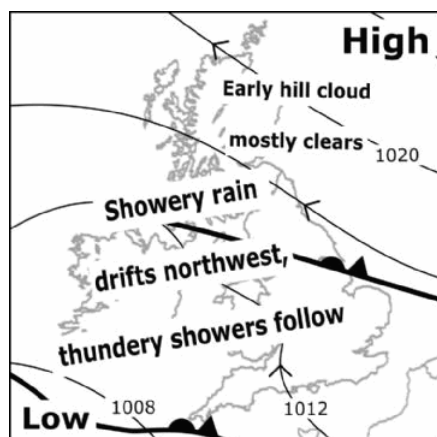
Peak District

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, 26 August, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 26 August, 2026

East Scotland, the Pennines, and Wales start cloudy, this lifting, dissipating over much of Scotland. Early showery rain and cloud in Wales migrates to England and southwest Scotland, thundery showers following over Wales and England; driest/clearest northwest Scotland. Warm, humid, and breezy.

Headline for Peak District

Showery rain, risk thundery bursts later; warm and humid

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 26 August, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	East-southeasterly 25-30mph and often gusty. May lessen for a time, but always a risk of gusts returning to higher speeds.
Effect of wind on you?	Nuisance gusts affect comfort of walking much of the day, strongest speeds making walking more strenuous for periods.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain breaks to showers, risk thundery later A risk of steady rain and drizzle over a few early hours, tending to break into showers and perhaps a dry window. During afternoon, showers return, risk of heavy falls with possible local thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, then lifting Cloud fairly widely shrouding hills above 400-500m from dawn, some lower banks for a time in the east. Tending to rise toward higher slopes around 600m, and increasingly breaking up, but patches return to high edges where heaviest showers occur.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20% rising to 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional weak sun through high cloud, often overcast. Hazy start, visibility improving to be good when dry.
Temperature (at 600m)	13C rising to 17 or 18C. Humid. Feeling like 6C in the wind at first.
And in the valleys	14C at dawn, rising to 22C afternoon, quite humid.

Peak District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 27 August	Friday 28 August
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southeasterly 15-20mph, later trending southerly and lessening. Quite gusty much of the day. Fairly small, though nuisance gusts affecting walking at times through much of the day.	Southwesterly, some variability, 10-20mph. May trend towards the higher end of the range with gusts forming. Mostly small, though may trend gustier later in the day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Often raining, thundery bursts Bursts of rain from dawn become increasingly frequent, likely setting in for several hours with heavy, thundery falls. Breaking into showers with time but still a risk of thunderstorms. Beware rapidly rising streams and local flood risk.	Showery rain, extended falls Rain on-and-off much of the day, showers cluster together into extended falls at times, some heavy bursts here and there. Some chance of an extended drier window in the morning, though considerable uncertainty.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Fairly extensive A sheet of cloud soon shrouds the moors from middle slopes up, patches forming to lower slopes/valleys during heaviest rain. Through afternoon, cloud will begin lifting and breaking, though variable and any substantial clearings only later. 20%, later rising to 60%	Early cloud lifts above the summits Cloud shrouds the hills at dawn, locally to low western slopes. Lifting, to clear the summits, though a few odd caps may graze the highest northern tops if heavier rain forms. Rising to 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, and often dull with poor visibility through morning, breaking into patchy sun afternoon, varied visibility and very good when out of rain.	Glimpses of sun, weakened by high cloud. Varied visibility, very good when out of cloud and rain.
Temperature (at 600m) And in the valleys	13C rising to 17C, humid. Temperature will fluctuate somewhat. 14C at dawn, rising to 21C; temperature will vary considerably in rain/showers.	12C rising to 16C. 13C at dawn, rising to 21C, or slightly cooler northernmost areas.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 27 August, 2026

Heavy, thundery rain likely affects England, Wales & southern Scotland on Thursday and Friday, potentially prolonged heavy falls bringing a risk of local flooding. A westerly wind will establish into the weekend, drawing cloud and drizzle onto western high terrain, several frontal systems sweeping more broadly across the country. The strongest wind and heavy rain may pass mostly across England and Wales, with the lightest rain in west Scotland. Best chance of cloud base rising towards higher terrain in western areas, perhaps briefly to higher summits, but the hills more often shrouded, patches to low slopes around heaviest rain. A west-southwesterly weather track prevails next week: cloud and drizzle on western hill groups (particularly west Scotland), breezy, areas of rain regularly spreading more widely.

Forecast issued at 16:29 on Tuesday, 25 August, 2026

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