

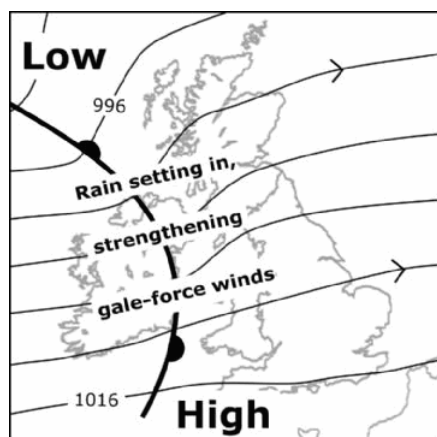
Peak District

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, 18 September, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 18 September, 2026

Already windy with light showery rain over western hills early in the day, but conditions will worsen from the west as gales strengthen and rain / drizzle becomes persistent, some heavier rain; cloud bases lower to widely blanket hills, lowest in west.

Headline for Peak District

Windy, becoming gales on tops; persistent rain and drizzle arrives.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 18 September, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 25-35mph; turning southwesterly, strengthening rapidly into afternoon to 40mph, in places gusty 50mph higher exposed areas.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery in exposure, more strenuous or increasingly arduous walking during afternoon with buffeting gusts affecting stability; notable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain develops afternoon, sets in persistently, heavier northwest A few spots of drizzly rain, mostly early, but largely dry for a few hours through middle of day, then patchy rain arrives from the west, steadier rain mid-afternoon onward, some heavier falls northwest areas. Rain and drizzle continues evening-night.
Cloud on the hills?	Clear for a time, returning in rain Ragged cloud at varied heights in the morning, particularly west slopes, but lifting and breaking above the summits. As patchy rain returns, banks return to high tops, and will tend to lower later afternoon, filling in widely.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80% lowering to 50%, further deteriorating toward evening to 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Early patchy sunshine, high cloud thickening, trending overcast with time. Hazy at best, visibility deteriorating later to poor as cloud and rain arrive.
Temperature (at 600m)	7C rising to 10C afternoon, reaching 13C toward evening, little change after dark. Feeling like 2 to 4C in direct wind.
And in the valleys	9C at dawn rising to 15C afternoon, only slight drop (if any) into night, feeling more humid.

Peak District - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 19 September	Sunday 20 September
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 25 to 40mph.	Westerly 30-35mph early morning, tending to lessen gradually to 20-25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking conditions on higher exposed areas, buffeting gusts in places. Considerable wind chill.	Strenuous walking conditions moderating but still blustery and affecting on comfortable walking on tops. Feeling cool.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Light rain and showers, mostly west Occasional light showery rain mostly western hills, locally more frequent light rain for periods, greater risk in morning. Brief showers passing eastwards.	Little or no rain Local drizzly showers possible over western hills early in day, but mostly dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Lifting higher up and clearing Some cloud banks over higher slopes from dawn, may linger for a few hours above 500-600m, lowest in west, but rising above most or all tops with time.	All clearing Any early patchy cloud over higher western moors soon lifting above the hills.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50% rising to 80%	Soon above 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy, occasional sun develops mostly in east. Visibility good where dry, slight haze toward west, reduced in rain.	Broken cloud and sunshine; thin high cloud may thicken later. Visibility very good, early slight haze west.
Temperature (at 600m) And in the valleys	10 to 12C, trending slightly cooler later in the daytime. Feeling near to 0C directly in the wind. 13C at dawn, up to 17C afternoon.	8C rising to 10C, then tending to rise further onward into night. Feeling near/below 0C in stronger wind. 11C at dawn, rising to 15C afternoon.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 19 September, 2026

Gale-force southwesterly winds continue extensively on the mountains into Saturday and early Sunday. Frequent rain over western hills, showers passing eastwards, tending to fade during Sunday as higher pressure begins to build from the south, allowing wind speeds to lessen too over England & Wales. Warmer into early next week, though higher humidity brings more cloud some drizzly rain to the west. A generally more promising forecast for late September as high pressure nearby offers drier and warmer weather for more places. Weather systems grazing past Scotland to the north still bring locally stronger winds and occasional rain mainly to the northwest.

Forecast issued at 16:22 on Thursday, 17 September, 2026

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