

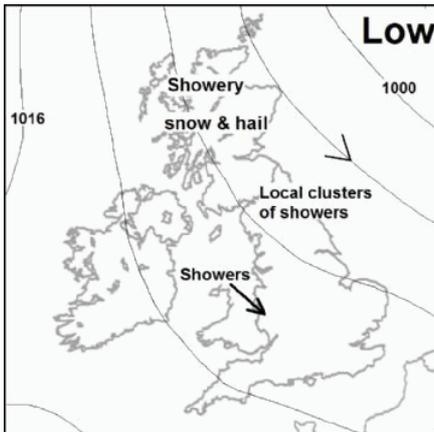
Yorkshire Dales and North Pennines

The entire Yorkshire Dales National Park and North Pennines AONB, including the Three Peaks and Cross Fell, also south to Forest of Bowland and Ilkley Moor.



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General Summary for Wednesday, 5 May, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 5 May, 2021

Another very cold day for May; higher mountains sub-zero, some rise of freezing level through the day. Showers with hail or snow, to lower slopes in the Highlands, locally frequent, heavy with isolated thunder. A brisk northwesterly breeze, feeling bitter where exposed.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales and North Pennines

Cold. Hail and snow showers, chance of thunder.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 5 May, 2021

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly, 15 to 20mph, tending to increase a little, at times 25-30mph near precipitation.
Effect of wind on you?	Feeling distinctly cold for May where exposed on tops. Suddenly very blustery and gusty near showers.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Hail and snow showers, some heavy Hail and snow showers, mainly from late morning onwards. May locally band together for an hour or so by afternoon, becoming focused around the eastern North Pennines. Risk isolated thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Patches around showers Summits often clear, but patches forming 600m upwards near precipitation. Higher north Pennines may become often covered around frequent showers in afternoon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, mainly morning. Frequently excellent or superb visibility but abruptly very poor in snow.
How Cold? (at 700m)	-2C rising to 1C during the day. Wind chill feels as cold as -10C on highest tops.
And in the valleys	Most terrain at least partly frozen at dawn after a frost. By early afternoon reaching 7 to 9C.

Yorkshire Dales and North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 6 May	Friday 7 May
How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 15 to 25mph.	Northwesterly, 10 to 15mph or at times less.
Effect of wind on you?	Remaining notably chilly where exposed on higher terrain, occasional sudden gusts around showers.	Mostly small, but still a notable chill on higher slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Clusters of hail and snow showers Several hours may escape dry, but expect showers breaking out with hail and upland snow. Chance of showers clustering together for a few hours in afternoon. Local heavy bursts, isolated thunder.	Scattered hail showers A few hail and snow showers forming, mostly late morning onwards. Mostly rain lower slopes. May largely clear away eastwards into evening.
Cloud on the hills?	Often above hills Most summits often clear, but patches will form around showers, locally below 600m for a time. If precipitation becomes frequent over a few hours, cloud forming more extensively on higher tops.	Mostly very little Rare fragments of cloud capping higher slopes around showers.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun. The air very clear, but visibility very poor periodically in showers.	Occasional sun, mostly in morning; western dales may be sunnier by evening. The air very clear indeed, but very poor visibility around showers.
How Cold? (at 700m)	-1C rising toward 2 or 3C by afternoon.	-1C rising to 2C by afternoon.
And in the valleys	Frost widely from dawn. Reaching 8 to 10C afternoon.	Frost in most valleys at dawn. Rising toward 10C by early afternoon, but dropping a few degrees in showers.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 6 May, 2021**

Unusually cold weather for early May is expected to continue into next week, particularly in Scotland, whilst some milder air is likely to move across England & Wales from the south during the weekend. Higher Scottish mountains persistently sub-zero; the freezing level sometimes widely below 900m, plus frequent frosts on lower terrain overnight.

Areas of hail and snow showers, some heavy with thunder, most widespread in the afternoons.

Another deep Atlantic low is due to move in from the southwest by Saturday - a threat of widespread upland gales, heavy rain, and further snow some areas. Chilly and showery northwesterlies are then likely to resume for a few days.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Tuesday, 4 May, 2021

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