

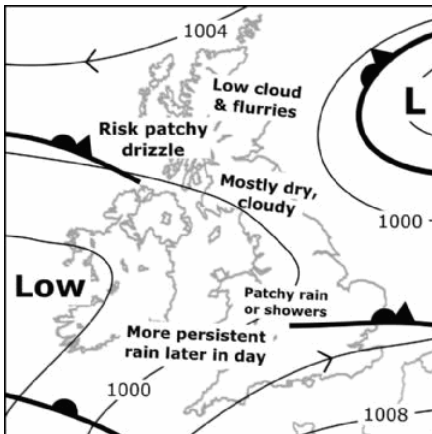
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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



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General Summary for Thursday, 4 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 4 April, 2024

Chilly northeasterlies across the Highlands, but wind speeds tending to ease. Sub-zero temperatures across the mountains all day. A lot of low cloud, patchy snow flurries, locally drizzly. Mostly dry for northern England, some cloud breaks. Patchy rain for Wales, later turning wetter as SW'ly winds freshen; gales by dusk.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Wind mostly light. Occasional showers, varied cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 4 April, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Variable, mostly east or northeasterly, later turning southeasterly; 10-15mph to occasionally 25mph, local varied speeds. Strengthening overnight to 40-50mph+.
Effect of wind on you?	Often fairly small effect on walking, but may become blustery for periods on high tops giving considerable wind chill. Deteriorating into the night.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	A little rain or summit snow, showers Patchy rain, snow flurries on higher tops early in the day, amounts small. Scattered brief showers forming into afternoon, possible soft hail. Extensive heavy rain late evening into night, briefly sleet or snow on high tops.
Cloud on the hills?	Lifting toward or above tops Cloud likely to cover higher fells to some mid-slopes in the morning, lifting toward upper slopes with breaks forming toward many tops in Yorks Dales into afternoon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, glimpses of sun at times. Misty start, visibility may improve to become good.
How Cold? (at 700m)	Yorks Dales: +1C rising to +3C N Pennines: -1C rising to +1C. Wind chill feeling like -3C to locally -7C higher tops in morning.
And in the valleys	Close to freezing in some northern valleys at first. Rising to 7 to 10C, highest western dales.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Friday 5 April	Saturday 6 April
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	South to southwesterly 30 to 40mph, risk strengthening further during day, but especially into night, reaching 60mph+. Arduous walking conditions over the fells most or all day. Frequent buffeting. Considerable wind chill.	Southerly 50 to 60mph, reaching 70mph with stronger gusts on higher tops, esp N Pennines; continuing into night. Very difficult conditions over the fells, severe around higher summits, gusts may blow you over even at mid-heights.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy drizzle or local showers Overnight rain tending to clear northwards by early morning, but leaving a legacy of drizzle, mainly around western Yorks Dales. Occasional showery rain more widely. Further rain into night.	Rain on and off, heavy at times Pulses of rain throughout the day, at times heavy. May break up to be intermittently dry, mainly north & eastern areas. Into the night, showery bursts with hail.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, bases lifting Covering the hills widely from mid to lower slopes upward in the morning. Bases tending to rise, but often covering tops around western Yorks Dales and Howgills. Best breaks toward northeast Pennines.	Changing quickly, occasional breaks Cloud bases will vary, covering the hills widely in rain. Possibly breaking up for periods to higher slopes, best toward east and north, but lowering again abruptly.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, some brighter skies and glimpses of sun northeastern areas. Visibility poor in rain, local improvements.	Mostly cloudy, brief bursts of sun. General slight haze, visibility poor in rain; occasional improvements.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	5 to 7C. Wind chill feeling near -5C on high tops. 3 to 5C at first, especially in north; rising to 11 to 14C, warmest eastern Dales.	Briefly 7C in morning, falling to 5C in middle of day, by evening 2C. Wind chill falling to -10C on high tops. Mild from dawn, 10C or above; 12 to 15C into middle of day, then tending to lower from west during afternoon.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 5 April, 2024**

Very unsettled into the weekend and likely next week, influenced by deep areas of low pressure centred west or northwest of Britain. Southerly gales, sustained storm-force speeds across higher mountains throughout Saturday and Sunday. Temperature rising above freezing to highest tops into Saturday, plus heavy rain sweeping north - a period of thaw across the Highlands. Cooler by Sunday, the freezing level back to 1000-1200m, then varying temperatures for the week ahead. Frequent precipitation continuing, focused on western mountains, at times persistent rainfall, intermittently snow on higher Scottish tops, plus showers with hail. Periods of strong winds continue, risk further upland gales.

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