

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

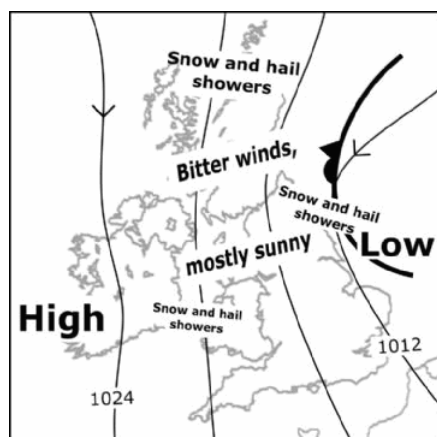
The entire Yorkshire Dales National Park and North Pennines AONB, including the Three Peaks and Cross Fell, plus Howgills, also south to Forest of Bowland.



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General Summary for Thursday, 20 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 November, 2025

Staying cold as northerly winds continue, speeds starting to lessen gradually Scotland. Snow/hail showers in N Scotland, slowly fading. Showers also Cheviots, locally N/W Wales. Mostly sunny elsewhere. All terrain frozen; extensive snow cover over mountains, most substantial NW Highlands & Cairngorms.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Bitter wind, gales high tops. Sun, possible snow showers east.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 20 November, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Northerly 35 to 40mph, in the morning up to 50mph higher Pennines; tending to ease slightly during day.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging walking conditions, frequent buffeting, significant wind chill, possibly severe higher tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Local snow showers northeast Occasional snow flurries or showers coming in from the north, largely confined to eastern North Pennines, but may drift further south across eastern dales at times afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly clear Patchy cloud drifting over higher slopes mainly toward the northeast Pennines, occasional fragments on tops elsewhere, but western hills largely clear.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally sunny in west, some cloud at times further east/northeast. Visibility mostly excellent.
How Cold? (at 700m)	-2C. Wind chill feeling like -15C, risk near -20C on highest tops in stronger speeds.
And in the valleys	Near freezing from dawn and soon again from dusk. Briefly up to max 4C early afternoon.

	Friday 21 November	Saturday 22 November
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Northwest later W-SW'ly, strengthening into afternoon from 15 to 30mph, by evening onward 40mph. Fairly small morning, but expect increasing wind chill to develop, conditions likely deteriorating after dark.	Southwesterly 40mph around and before dawn, easing to 20-25mph. Feeling noticeably breezy with marked wind chill on exposed higher terrain, likely more challenging at first.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation unlikely until night Most likely all daytime dry. Into night, patchy rain developing from west, snow on higher terrain for a time.	Rain fading to drizzly patches Rain from overnight through to dawn, most persistent western areas, lingering into the morning but fading to become light and patchy. Drier into afternoon, but local drizzle in west, an odd light shower. Rain may return into night.
Cloud on the hills?	Likely none Hills likely clear all day. Toward dusk, some patches may drift onto tops in western Yorks Dales.	Fairly extensive, lowest west Varied low cloud banks from dawn into morning, slowly lifting above 600m, some higher breaks mostly northeast Pennines, but likely to persist to 500-600m western dales south from Tebay.
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun through high cloud, tending to thicken from west, may become obscured later. Visibility excellent, possible mist or haze in some valleys.	Rare glimpses of sun mostly north/east. Misty areas which may persist toward western dales, otherwise visibility becoming good below cloud.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	-1C, slight rise to around 0C afternoon, then +2C into night. If wind increases, feeling near -10C. Well below freezing around dawn, slow rise to 2 or 3C afternoon, but then little change or slight rise further into night.	2 or 3C. Feeling like -5C in exposure to wind, or nearer -10C at first high tops. 3C from dawn rising to max 5 or 6C.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 21 November, 2025

Winter conditions over the mountains - snow coverage to lower slopes in Scotland, snow and ice cover varied for England & Wales, but much terrain frozen; hard frost into inland valleys and glens into Friday. A front moving into Scotland from the west on Friday brings gales and snow, turning to rain lower down - arriving in England & Wales Friday evening-night. Less cold into the weekend, but higher mountains stay near or just below freezing, particularly Scotland; showers or locally more frequent upland snow over several days forward. Later next week looks at least briefly milder.

Forecast issued at 15:00 on Wednesday, 19 November, 2025

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