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Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

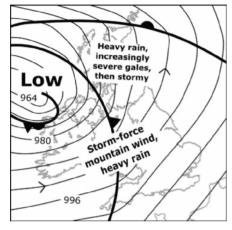
The entire Yorkshire Dales National Park and North Pennines AONB, including the Three Peaks and Cross Fell, plus Howgills, also south to Forest of Bowland.





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General Summary for Tuesday, 9 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 9 December, 2025

Severe conditions becoming widespread and lasting onward into the night and Wednesday - stormy conditions, hurricane-force winds on higher mountains. Heavy rain sweeping northwards across Scotland during the day, breaking up into showers for England & Wales; flooding likely.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Stormy winds, heavy rain then showery.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 9 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly, strengthening from before dawn to 40-50mph, reaching 60mph in morning, at times 70mph higher tops, peak speeds later daytime into evening reaching 80mph, stronger gusts higher tops, then slight lessening into night.		
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult walking conditions and significant chill factor across exposed terrain all day, powerful gusts could knock you over, increasingly severe afternoon and through evening.		
low wet? Morning heavy rain breaks to showers, flood risk			
(Precipitation and its impact)	Persistent and often heavy rain through morning. Trending towards showery rain afternoon, though remaining quite persistent on western slopes and N Pennines for a time. Beware fast-rising streams, flood risk.		
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive		
	Blanket cloud shrouds the fells from middle slopes upward most of the day, down to some lower slopes in the western Yorks Dales to Tebay. Some variability with lifting bases later in the day, breaks form mostly after dark.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, then up to sunset, clouds may occasionally break. Poor visibility, may improve where rain fades, but staying hazy.		
How Cold? (at 700m)	10 or 11C most of the daytime. Cooler around dawn, then rapid drop evening into night to 4C. Feeling like -5C in daytime wind; then rapidly into evening -10C.		
And in the valleys	Rising from overnight to 12C by dawn, locally reaching 14C eastern dales, then cooling into evening to 9C.		

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Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 10 December	Thursday 11 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 40 to 55mph, risk at times over 60mph on higher fells, particularly North Pennines, with stronger gusts. Arduous walking conditions from mid elevations upward, difficult over higher terrain; significant wind chill.	South-southwesterly 35 to 50mph, some uncertainty of peak speeds, risk 60mph higher fells mainly North Pennines. Challenging walking conditions, risk remaining difficult over higher tops.
How wet?	Showers	Rain unlikely
(Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional showery rain, most common toward the western Yorks Dales NP, possible hail mainly morning.	Rare if any brief drizzly spots, mainly west.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly western tops	Patchy cloud mostly southwest
	Cloud base varying, mostly confined to upper slopes, most common in western Yorks Dales NP, breaks north/eastward.	Some cloud banks may drift onto southern slopes, greater risk around western Yorks Dales up to Howgills. Further north the hills may be often clear.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun mostly eastern dales. Slight haze, visibility at times reduced further in showers in west.	Sun best toward north. Risk misty some southern areas, otherwise good visibility.
How Cold? (at 700m)	4 or 5C. Wind chill feeling like -10C.	4C, may start to drop into night. Feeling like -7 to -10C in the wind.
And in the valleys	7C from dawn, up to 9C early afternoon.	6C at dawn, rising to 9C early afternoon.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 10 December, 2025

A very unsettled pattern as southwesterly winds prevail and low pressure systems move in from the Atlantic, sustained gales over the mountains, severe or stormy for periods. Temperatures only close to freezing on higher Scottish tops this week, even here will experience spells above freezing with thawing, leaving snow increasingly patchy, but beware some icy surfaces on the very highest tops where some refreezing occurs. Drier for most places on Thursday this week, otherwise rainfall will be frequent and heavy, sometimes showery with hail. Expect wet ground conditions and further flooding of streams and some rivers.

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