

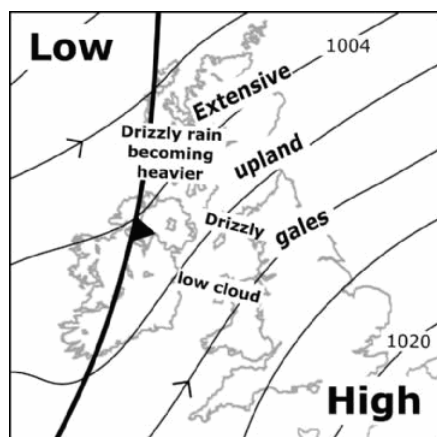
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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, 11 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 December, 2025

Gale force winds across most hills and mountains, severe gales high Scottish tops particularly morning in west, powerful gusts downslope in places. Low cloud and some drizzly rain west, mostly dry east/northeast. More persistent rain develops for western Scotland afternoon onward.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Upland gales. Patchy cloud, some drizzle mostly west.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 11 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	South-southwesterly 35 to 50mph, at times 60mph higher fells mainly North Pennines.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging walking conditions, remaining difficult over higher tops. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain unlikely Rare if any brief drizzly spots, mainly west. Rain then develops from west onward into night.
Cloud on the hills?	Patchy cloud mostly southwest Some cloud banks drift onto southern slopes, most common around western Yorks Dales up to Howgills. Further north and east cloud more often above hills.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40% west, 70% north/east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun best toward north. Risk misty some southern areas, otherwise good visibility.
How Cold? (at 700m)	4C, slight drop into night. Feeling like -7 to -10C in the wind.
And in the valleys	6C at dawn, rising to 9C early afternoon.

	Friday 12 December	Saturday 13 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 15-25mph, risk 30-40mph up to dawn. Trending southwesterly with time, starting to rise again later to 30mph.	Southwesterly, strengthening during daytime from 30-40mph to 50-60mph, risk stronger gusts toward evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Effects soon fairly small in the morning onward through much of daytime, but buffeting and marked wind chill at dawn.	Increasingly challenging walking conditions, mobility becoming difficult on higher exposed tops; significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Morning rain, dry afternoon A band of rain sweeps east through morning, first clearing the North Pennines then the Yorkshire Dales. Likely no rain afternoon.	Small amounts rain, heavier later Patchy spots of rain or drizzle, may be persistently damp Ingleton to Howgills area, though total rainfall small. Later in day, increasing risk more persistent steady then heavier rain.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive early, mostly clear afternoon High fells shrouded at dawn with banks down to middle slopes. Cloud starts to break through morning as rain clears, though variable ragged patches will linger for a time with some caps over the high fells of Yorks Dales NP.	Most persistent western areas Varied banks of cloud, but may linger over tops in western Dales. May also cap higher North Pennines, but cloud base typically higher north and eastwards, above tops for periods. Lowering later in rain.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20% rising to 60%	30% west, to 60% north/east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast morning with poor visibility breaks into afternoon sunshine with very good visibility, though some haze will form.	Largely cloudy, high cloud thickening. Hazy western dales, visibility reduced in rain, but more often good north/eastward.
How Cold? (at 700m)	5C early, lowering to 3 or 4C.	2C rising steadily to later reach 5C. Wind chill feeling around -10C.
And in the valleys	7C from dawn, little change before dropping afternoon to 4C.	5C or locally cooler at dawn, rising to 8C.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 12 December, 2025

Staying unsettled into the weekend and beyond as southwesterly winds prevail and low pressure systems pass to the northwest of Scotland; sustained gales over the mountains, severe or stormy for periods. Temperatures only just below freezing intermittently on higher Scottish tops, even here will experience spells above freezing with thawing, any lying snow patchy, but beware some icy surfaces on the very highest tops where some refreezing occurs. Rainfall will be frequent and heavy for periods, sometimes showery with hail. Expect very wet ground conditions and further flooding of streams and some rivers.

Forecast issued at 16:27 on Wednesday, 10 December, 2025

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