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Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

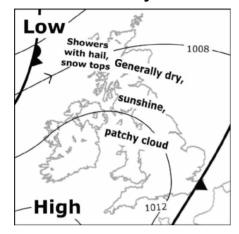
The entire Yorkshire Dales National Park and North Pennines AONB, including the Three Peaks and Cross Fell, plus Howgills, also south to Forest of Bowland.





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General Summary for Tuesday, 16 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 16 December, 2025

Showery in western Scotland, with hail, snow on higher mountains; fewer showers eastwards, more sun and higher cloud breaks. Strongest winds in NW Highlands, up to gale force tops. England and Wales largely dry and bright, patchy cloud western tops.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Moderate breeze. Dry with sun, hills largely clear.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 16 December, 2025

| How windy? (On the summits) | West to southwesterly 15 to 20mph, at times 25mph higher North Pennines. Strengthening onward into night, beyond midnight reaching 35-45mph. | |
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| Effect of wind on you? | Fairly small, blustery in places in exposure and feeling chilly over higher terrain. Deteriorating into night. | |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Rain not expected Dry all daytime. Very wet underfoot following previous heavy rain, particularly Yorkshire Dales NP, streams in spate, flooding. | |
| Cloud on the hills? | Mostly little, local patches Some patchy cloud may graze higher fells at times, but many tops often clear. Possible mist some valleys, mainly morning. | |
| Chance of cloud free summits? | 80% | |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | A veil of high cloud thins to reveal some sun. Visibility excellent out of cloud. | |
| How Cold? (at 700m) | 2 or 3C. Feeling like -5C directly in the wind. | |
| And in the valleys | Slight frost sheltered valleys in morning. Rising to max 6 or 7C. | |

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Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

| | Wednesday 17 December | Thursday 18 December |
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| How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you? | South-southwesterly 40 to 50mph, risk 60mph N Pennines, local powerful gusts north of higher summits. Challenging conditions over the fells, walking difficult in places higher up, sudden buffeting to some mid-slopes. | Southerly 30 to 50mph, but direction and speed may vary, possibly lower speeds for periods during day. Expect arduous walking conditions and considerable wind chill on higher fells, but may lessen for periods. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Rain most of day west Rain moving in from west soon from dawn, setting in persistently over western Yorks Dales, some heavy falls; patchier further east and northeast. | Risk of rain setting in An odd shower, but a few hours may be dry, for longest northern areas. Then risk of heavy rain moving in from south during day. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Soon extensive Lowering in morning to blanket most hills, from mid-to-lower slopes in western Dales up to Tebay. Higher bases north/east, but rarely above the tops. | Varied, may widely fill in Patchy cloud banks, most persistent Yorks Dales NP, some breaks northward, but if rain sets in, widely lowering over hills. |
| Chance of cloud free summits? | 20% | 30% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Overcast, increasingly murky. | Overcast, possibly good visibility mainly in north for a time; high cloud thickens and lowers to be increasingly murky in rain. |
| How Cold? (at 700m) | 2C rising during day to 5C. Feeling like -8 to -12C directly in the wind. | 3 or 4C. Wind chill feeling as cold as -10C on tops. |
| And in the valleys | 3C at dawn, slight frost some valleys. Rising to 7 or 8C. | Little variation night and day, 7 or 8C. |

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 17 December, 2025

An unsettled southwesterly weather pattern continues mid-late this week. On Wednesday, another system sweeps in from the Atlantic bringing further rain and gales. Showery conditions then persist in western Scotland, with hail and snow on high tops. Scottish mountains often near or below freezing above 900m, only brief thawing higher up. Meanwhile, England and Wales stay mild midweek with more heavy rain likely into Thursday, then lowering to freezing on high tops for periods from Friday. A change of weather pattern is likely in the run up to Christmas, as high pressure builds northward, bringing drier weather, fog and frost more common.

Forecast issued at 16:01 on Monday, 15 December, 2025

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