

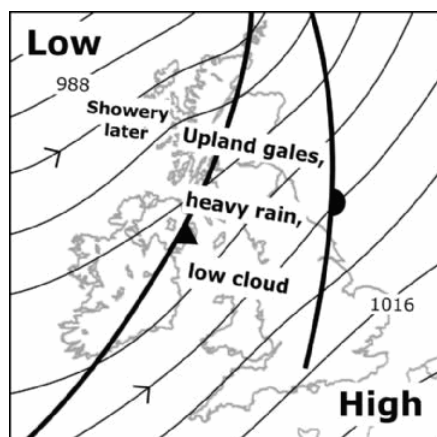
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Wednesday, 17 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 December, 2025

Extensive gales across the hills. Rain preceded by early snow on higher terrain in the Highlands, lifting briefly above freezing to high tops. Showery bursts follow into western Scotland, heavy and frequent with hail later. England & Wales sees rain much of the day, spreading eastward, heavy at times.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Upland gales. Rain heaviest and most persistent west.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 17 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	South-southwesterly 40 to 50mph, risk 60mph N Pennines, local powerful gusts north of higher summits. Starting to lessen a little only after dark.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions over the fells, walking difficult in places higher up, sudden buffeting to some mid-slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain most of day west, patchier north/east Rain moving in from west soon from dawn, setting in persistently over western Yorks Dales, some heavy falls; patchier further east and northeast. Breaking up into showers late evening into night. Wet underfoot western areas, streams rising again to be in spate.
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.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, increasingly murky.
How Cold? (at 700m)	2C rising during day to 5C. Feeling like -8 to -12C directly in the wind.
And in the valleys	3C at dawn, slight frost some valleys. Rising to 7 or 8C.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 18 December	Friday 19 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly 30 to 50mph, but direction and speed likely to vary, possibly lower speeds for periods during day. Expect arduous walking conditions and considerable wind chill on higher fells, but may lessen for periods.	Southwesterly 45 to 60mph, tending to lessen a little during day. Difficult conditions over higher fells, frequent buffeting from modest elevations upward. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy rain likely setting in An odd shower, but a few hours may be dry, for longest northern areas. Then persistent heavy rain likely moving in from southwest during day. Breaking up into showery rain and hail evening into night.	Showers mostly west, hail Scattered showers, most common western Yorks Dales in morning, with hail, possibly snow on highest tops in N Pennines. Tending to fade during afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied, becoming extensive Patchy cloud banks, most persistent Yorks Dales NP, some breaks northward, but as rain sets in, widely lowering over hills.	Breaks to many tops Patchy cloud grazing higher tops, most often western Yorks Dales in morning, lifting above most tops for periods.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% dropping below 10%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, possibly good visibility mainly in north for a time; high cloud thickens and lowers to be increasingly murky in rain.	Sun most frequent east/northeast, patchy sun western Dales. Visibility often very good, reduced in showers.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	3 or 4C, then lowering to 1C into night. Wind chill feeling as cold as -10C on tops. Little variation night into day, 7 or 8C; then dropping cooler later evening onward.	2 or 3C. Feeling like -12C directly in the wind. 4C from dawn, rising to 7C afternoon.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 18 December, 2025

South-southwesterly winds widely remain gale force over the mountains later this week and through into Saturday, severe upland gales for periods. More heavy rain for England and Wales on Thursday, further flooding expected; rain spreads north into Scotland, falling as snow on Munros. Showery by Friday, most frequent in western Scotland with hail, also snow over tops. Another belt of persistent rain likely arrives from the west into Saturday, snow only highest Scottish tops. A switch to east-southeasterly winds by Sunday into early next week, some residual rain and high-level snow, but a drier theme develops and favouring chillier conditions into the Christmas period.

Forecast issued at 16:20 on Tuesday, 16 December, 2025

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