

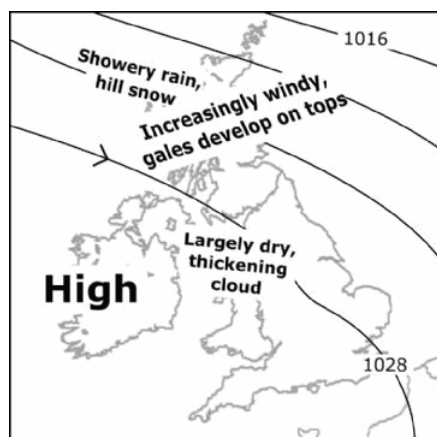
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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, 31 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 31 December, 2025

Much terrain frozen, frost into valleys and glens in the morning, all day out of sunlight, but temperature and freezing level tending to lift toward 800m from west. Showery rain and hill snow moving into W-NW Scotland. Wind strengthening, becoming gales over tops in Scotland during day, then N England after dark.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Strengthening wind. Cloud moving in, largely dry day.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 31 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly backing westerly 15 to 25mph, increasing to 25 to 35mph through the day, 40mph onto tops into evening and night.
Effect of wind on you?	Be prepared for increasingly blustery conditions with considerable wind chill and buffeting.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation unlikely until late Most likely all daylight dry. After dark, some showers or snow flurries on higher slopes, more persistent toward and beyond midnight.
Cloud on the hills?	Clear start, low cloud later from west Fells starting clear, but increasingly low cloud will move in from the west to cover upper slopes or tops towards and into the afternoon, mostly above 700-800m. Eastern Dales hills stay clear.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%, lowering to 50% by dusk.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright start with sun through high cloud, but cloud building from west. Visibility mostly very good or excellent.
How Cold? (at 700m)	Around -1C. Feeling closer to -8C in the strongest winds afternoon.
And in the valleys	Widely sub-zero at dawn, hard frost in valleys; lifting to 2 or 3C during afternoon, 4C by evening.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 1 January	Friday 2 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 30 to 40mph, strongest higher North Pennines.	North-northwesterly 25 to 35mph, at times 40mph higher North Pennines.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking, frequent buffeting in exposure higher up. Significant wind chill.	Significant wind chill over the fells. Strenuous walking in exposure on higher terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk early showers Possible showers early morning, snow flurries above 500m. Likely to fade to be often dry.	Precipitation unlikely
Cloud on the hills?	Soon little if any Patches grazing higher slopes, mostly early in day, then largely above tops.	Mostly little Patches clipping high tops occasionally, mainly in north, but mostly clear fells.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of sunshine. Visibility very good.	Mostly sunny. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 700m)	0 or -1C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C.	-4C. Wind chill feeling like -15C on tops.
And in the valleys	4 or 5C, little change from night into day, but then dropping to freezing onward into evening.	Near or just below 0C from dawn, rising to max 2C, then rapidly dropping below freezing into evening-night.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 1 January, 2026

Significantly cold wintry conditions into the start of January. Air temperature well below freezing on high terrain, plus low minima into many glens and valleys with sustained hard frost. Strong northerly winds later this week giving severe wind chill. Frequent and heavy snow showers moving into northern areas and running down coastal extremities with significant accumulations. Elsewhere, lots of dry and sunny weather, although occasional organised bands of snow will feed south at times in the Arctic airflow. Staying cold into next week with scope for snowfalls more widely.

Forecast issued at 16:28 on Tuesday, 30 December, 2025

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