

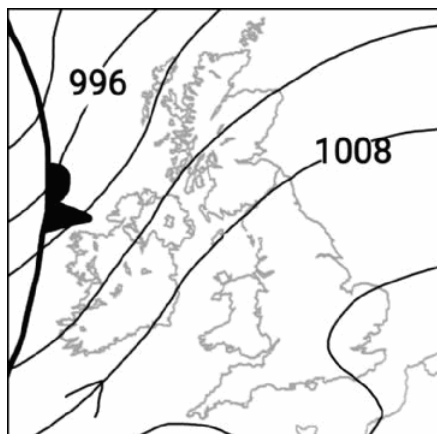
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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, 14 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 January, 2026

Cold westerly winds, backing southerly and strengthening ahead of a front which will move into western Scotland during the afternoon, with snow setting in for western mountains, patchier further east. Ahead of this front, scattered snow showers. Mostly dry for England and Wales until front edges precipitation into west later.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Mostly dry, but winds backing southerly and strengthening. Risk snow later in day.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 14 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 20-25mph morning, strongest N Pennines. Will back southerly and strengthen 35, perhaps 40mph, by dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small morning. Then walking increasingly difficult and wind chill becoming significant.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Mostly dry, until later in day. Mostly dry, but the threat of snow, rain lower slopes, setting in late in day from west, mainly after dusk.
Cloud on the hills?	Probably remaining extensive on most or all higher tops Cloud sometimes forming below 450m western dales in Yorkshire, but cloud base generally rising to 600 to 750m - possibly breaking off higher summits.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine, mainly away from western dales in Yorkshire. Becoming overcast from the west. Visibility often very good, but poor in snow.
How Cold? (at 700m)	0C. Directly in wind will feel as cold as minus 10C.
And in the valleys	Frost many valleys after dawn. Will reach around 5C.

	Thursday 15 January	Friday 16 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 25 to perhaps in morning 30mph. There may then be a pronounced lull.	Low confidence in track of small scale low. Risk westerly 40 to 60mph early in day, becoming southerly 20mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly fairly small.	High uncertainty over track of small scale low. Risk for a few hours of difficult conditions with significant wind chill, then easing.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Isolated showers Isolated showers of rain, hail and above 600m snow showers, mostly across western Dales.	Risk morning heavy snow, then drier. Risk of a spell of heavy rain, and above 500 to 600m, heavy snow during the morning. This feature pulling away to north, leaving drier conditions afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Capping western tops. clearer elsewhere. Highest fell tops in west almost always cloud covered. Further east across the dales and for the North Pennines, higher cloud bases, only occasional on tops.	Likely extensive for many hours Be prepared for extensive hill fog should widespread rain and snow develop. Fells would likely be enveloped in fog for much of the day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40% in west, 60% in east.	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sun. Visibility generally excellent, but poor in any showers.	Mostly overcast. Visibility would be widely very poor in rain and snow, should it set in.
How Cold? (at 700m)	1C	1C
And in the valleys	5 or 6C in the afternoon.	May well be above summits, but should persistent precipitation develop, would lower to 600m.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 15 January, 2026

Very uncertain forecast late Thursday and into Friday, as a small scale and rather potent low pressure system edges northwards across the country on a very uncertain track. May bring a spell of strong winds and upland heavy snowfall overnight and into Friday morning before pulling away to the east. Thereafter, a drier and chilly weekend will follow. Looking further ahead, a colder continental influence may be drawn in on south to east winds, with the snow pack across the Scottish Highlands being enhanced by further spells of snowfall where fronts edge in from the west, whilst further south snow accumulates on higher areas, and occasional falls reach lower slopes.

Forecast issued at 15:58 on Tuesday, 13 January, 2026

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