

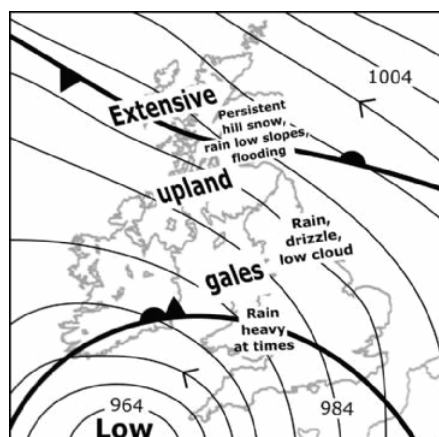
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Friday, 23 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 January, 2026

Gales widespread across all mountain areas, powerful turbulent gusts downslope toward the west in places. Prolonged upland snow southeastern Highlands into southern Cairngorms, increasingly rain to mid-heights. Further rain also spreads north across Wales then the Pennines. Low cloud widely.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Windy, gales on tops. Rain on and off, low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 23 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	East-southeasterly 35 to 40mph, generally strengthening during morning, to 45mph or at times 50mph higher Pennines; stronger gusts around major tops and locally downslope west of high tops. Walking often arduous, gusts over northern fells will challenge balance. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain, sleet, wetter later Patchy rain most frequent over eastern hills, falling as sleet or freezing rain on highest fells for a time. Rain patchier toward western Yorks Dales. During afternoon, steadier rain moves in from south, widespread into evening.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Fairly extensive higher areas Covering higher slopes much of the day above 500-600m, often lower bases on eastern slopes. Some higher breaks toward the Howgills and Vale of Eden. 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, some bright moments early in the day western N Pennines. Poor visibility many hills, locally better westwards, but rather hazy.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	2C; some local variation, cooler north of Cross Fell, warmer west Yorks Dales. Wind chill feels like -10 to -13C. Small variation from night into day, 4 to 6C.

	Saturday 24 January	Sunday 25 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 35 to 45mph, very gusty around higher tops and downslope to west.	Southeasterly, speed may vary, in range 20 to 35mph, some sudden gusty spots near high tops and downslope to west.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking in exposure, frequent buffeting gusts not just on highest terrain; significant wind chill.	Blustery over most high terrain, in places more frequent buffeting not just on the tops. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain, snow tops mostly north/east Rain frequent or persistent east and northern areas, falling as sleet or snow over higher fells, mostly above 600-700m. Patchier smaller amounts western Dales.	Rain mostly east, snow high tops Rain on and off, sleet or snow falling above 700m, perhaps lower with time. Most persistent eastern North Pennines.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive over tops Covering much higher terrain all day, lowest cloud base over eastern side of Pennines, to 400-500m in places. Higher bases westwards, local breaks.	Fairly extensive, lowest east Covering much higher terrain all day, to mid-slopes in eastern areas, higher bases westward, some breaks above 600m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, dull. Poor visibility in rain, very poor if in snow and cloud on tops.	Largely cloudy, hazy. Poor visibility over most hills.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	0 or 1C. Directly in the wind feeling like -12 to -15C. 5 or 6C, little variation night into day.	Around 0C. Feeling like -8 to -12C in the wind. 4 or 5C, small change night into day.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 24 January, 2026

East to southeasterlies continue through the weekend and onward into next week, frequently strong to gale-force over the mountains, giving severe chill factor. Below freezing across high terrain in Scotland, and into early next week a lowering freezing level over hills in England and Wales. Frequent or persistent snowfall over east and southern Scottish mountains, rain on lower slopes causing flooding in the short term. Patchier and small amounts reaching coastal regions in west-northwest Scotland. Areas of rain and increasingly hill snow push across England and Wales as low pressure remains dominant. Low cloud often covering many hills.

Forecast issued at 16:01 on Thursday, 22 January, 2026

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