

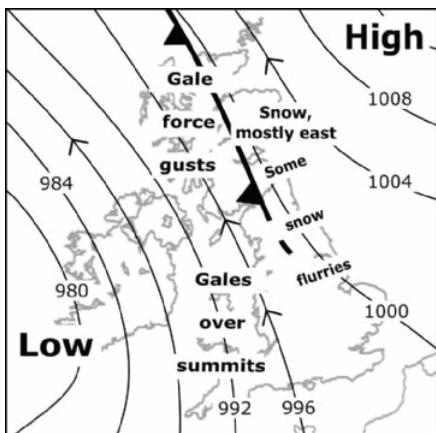
# Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Thursday, 29 January, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 29 January, 2026

Freezing temperatures in Scotland and England; freezing level lowering with time to middle slopes, first in eastern hill groups. Blustery as well, gale force gusts on high terrain of Scotland and Wales. Snow flurries affecting eastern Scotland and the Pennines, mostly dry Lakeland to west Scottish Highlands.

### Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Blustery; sleet and snow flurries affecting many hills

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 29 January, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	East to southeasterly 25 to 35mph, gusty around higher exposed summits and locally west of Pennines. Strengthening with time to sustained speeds of 35mph in exposure with stronger gusts.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Strenuous walking on some higher areas, varied and smaller some more sheltered ground. Considerable wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Snow flurries</b> Mostly light snow flurries, most common eastern side of Pennines, only patchy westward and often dry; sleet or rain below 400-500m.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive</b> Blanket cloud shrouds the fells from 500m up most of the day, lowest bases in the east at first. Bases lift slightly with time, possibly a few higher breaks, though summits will struggle to clear.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, hazy particularly in east, better visibility westward.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>	0 or -1C to start the day, lowering slightly, to -2C in the North Pennines Wind chill feeling like -8 to -12C.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	1C to start the day, though several valleys will see frosts as well. Rising slightly, up to 3C western Yorks Dales, lowest rise in the N Pennines.

## Yorkshire Dales &amp; North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Friday 30 January	Saturday 31 January
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southeasterly 30 to 40mph, strongest sustained speeds higher N Pennines, but gusty around high tops elsewhere.	Detail uncertain: starting easterly 25-35mph, easing and becoming variable, perhaps a lull.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Strenuous walking much of the day, particularly in the north where buffeting will affect stability.</b> <b>Significant wind chill.</b>	<b>Walking may be strenuous to start the day with wind chill, likely easing into fairly small effects, though confidence is low.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Patchy hill snow and rain</b> Intermittent snow above 400-500m, later 600m, rain lower down; locally more persistent toward south and east. Tending patchier from the south with time.	<b>Rain most of the day</b> Frequently raining across most fells through the day, variable intensity with some heavier falls at times.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive</b>  Shrouding most high terrain, lowest and most persistent cloud over south and eastern areas.	<b>Extensive, bases may lift slightly later.</b>  A sheet of cloud shrouds the fells from 500-600m up from the morning, at times lower in precipitation. Bases becoming more variable with time, bases approaching high terrain, but summits will struggle to clear.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally cloudy, poor visibility most areas, whiteout if in fog and snow on tops. Locally better toward Vale of Eden.	Any sun unlikely. Often poor visibility due to rain, fog, and haze.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>	-1 or -2C, rising gradually to around 0C, locally 1C south. Wind chill feeling around -10C, to -13C highest N Pennines tops.	1 or 2C. Feeling as cold as -8 to -10C in strongest direct wind.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	0 to 1C from dawn, rising to 3 or 4C afternoon.	3C from dawn, locally rising to 4C afternoon.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 30 January, 2026**

Slow-moving weather patterns and a broadly similar regime to recent times over the next week or so: periods of precipitation will affect most mountains at least every few days. Scottish Munros generally below freezing point, with snow cover and drifts most substantial from the Cairngorms to central and southern Highlands, some additional falls in the week ahead (with continued flooding risk too); much less northwestward. Hills in England and Wales will see varying freezing levels, at times dropping sub-zero to middle slopes, but largely isolated to the high terrain of Lakeland and Eryri NP (Snowdonia). Wind speed will vary, some periods of lower speeds than recently, though gusty SE'ly winds remain common in the Highlands. Scope for widely colder conditions toward mid February.

**Forecast issued at 16:12 on Wednesday, 28 January, 2026**

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