

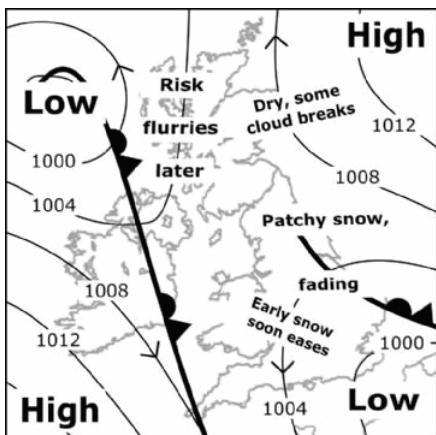
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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, 19 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 19 February, 2026

Most mountain terrain remains frozen. Gusty southeasterly wind with significant chill factor. Some snow flurries towards southwest of Highlands with low cloud banks, clearer northward. Light snow fading Peak District and Pennines, low cloud persists here. Generally dry Wales but increasingly windy.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Strong wind lessening. Varied cloud, light snow.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 19 February, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	East-southeasterly 30-40mph, strongest North Pennines, gusty over high tops but an easing trend with time into afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous-to-arduous walking with wind chill and balance challenges in gusts, but effects easing with time.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow mostly light, fading Light snow with sleet below around 300m in the morning, most persistent southern areas. Tending to fade gradually, but a legacy of patchy light snow, or drizzle lower slopes, may linger particularly more eastern areas.
Cloud on the hills?	Low cloud, most persistent east Covering the hills fairly widely much of the day, lowest toward south, but varied extent with some local breaks further north for a time, typically best toward Vale of Eden.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally cloudy and dull, poor visibility in snow/sleet, some local improvements mainly toward north.
How Cold? (at 700m)	-1 or -2C. Feeling like -12C in direct wind.
And in the valleys	-1 or 0C from dawn, lifting a few degrees, chance up to 3C, or perhaps milder western Three Peaks valleys.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Friday 20 February	Saturday 21 February
How windy? (On the summits)	South-southwesterly 30-35mph, strengthening and shifting SW'ly, 45-50mph at least.	Southwesterly 30 to 40mph, tending to strengthen further up to dusk, 50mph+ into evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Conditions become challenging with significant wind chill; maintaining stability requires constant effort in exposure.	Strenuous walking conditions, frequent buffeting over exposed higher terrain, becoming widely difficult later.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Steady rain on and off Early patchy rain with snow on higher terrain. Steady rain then comes and goes for hours at time, brief heavy bursts. May stay damp near high Three Peaks during rain breaks.	Rain and drizzle Rain on and off, persistently drizzly at least over most western areas, most constant rain Tebay southward, may become heavier. Patchier eastern dales.
Cloud on the hills?	Variable but fairly extensive on high terrain Cloud likely shrouds fell summits most of the day, filling in more extensively to middle or low slopes during rain, but also with higher breaks during cessation in rain, highest bases in the east.	Extensive Blanketing the hills all day, lowest western Three Peaks area, rarely above 300-400m. Toward eastern dales, and north from Kirkby Stephen, base nearer 500-600m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy but some bright/sunny breaks will come and go, best east. Variable visibility, good out of cloud and rain but also hazy.	Overcast and dull, locally brighter skies for a time eastern areas. Hazy, visibility widely poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 700m)	0 to +1C from dawn, soon rising, to 4 or 5C; always coolest in the N Pennines. Feeling like -5 to -8C in direct wind.	5 or 6C. Where exposed to stronger winds on tops, feeling like -5 to -7C.
And in the valleys	0 or +1C from dawn, sharply rising to 7C afternoon, remaining mild into night.	Mild from dawn, little change during day, 9 or 10C, locally warmer eastern dales.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 20 February, 2026**

Toward the weekend, a switch to southwesterly winds, bringing milder conditions - lifting above freezing to tops in England and Wales with substantial thawing, and generally higher freezing levels in Scotland; periods of thawing to Munro summits will occur but also further snowfall and refreezing on higher terrain during the day-to-day variability of precipitation and freezing levels onward into early next week. Often windy with periods of upland gales. Some spells of heavy rain over all western hills and low cloud frequently covering the hills.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Wednesday, 18 February, 2026

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