

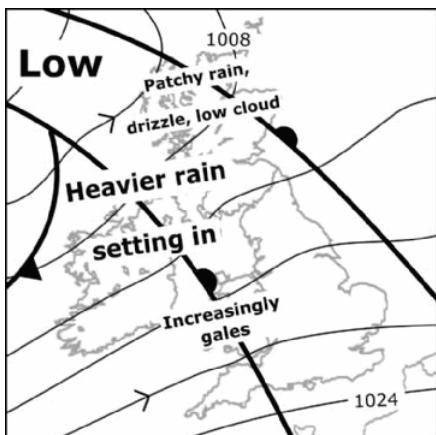
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Saturday, 21 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 February, 2026

Southwesterly winds strengthening during the day, becoming upland gales more widely later. Milder overall, soon rising above freezing to the highest summits in Scotland. Rain, drizzle and low cloud extensive, developing into more prolonged heavy rain from the west in the afternoon.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Windy, gales later. Low cloud, drizzle, rain, heavier later.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 21 February, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 30 to 35mph, at times 40mph higher North Pennines. Tending to strengthen further up to dusk, 50mph with stronger gusts into evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking conditions, frequent buffeting over exposed higher terrain, becoming widely difficult later.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and drizzle, heavier later west Rain on and off, persistently drizzly at least over most western areas, most constant rain Tebay southward. Patchier eastern dales. Afternoon into evening, becoming widely persistent rain, heavier in west.
Cloud on the hills?	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?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, locally brighter skies for a time eastern areas. Hazy, visibility widely poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 700m)	5 or 6C. Where exposed to stronger winds on tops, feeling like -5 to -7C.
And in the valleys	Mild from dawn, little change during day and after dark, 9 or 10C, locally warmer eastern dales.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 22 February	Monday 23 February
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 35 to 50mph, squally gusts in showers, toward 60mph higher North Pennines tops.	Southwesterly 40 to 50mph, strongest in morning over North Pennines, easing slowly toward 30mph later afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions over higher fells, frequent buffeting making walking arduous in exposure. Significant wind chill.	Arduous walking conditions over the fells, gusts knocking you off balance in exposure. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery rain mostly west Showery rain on and off, some heavier bursts, mostly western Yorks Dales, risk of brief hail. Drier eastwards.	Patchy rain, may set in west Rain on and off, most frequent western areas, but may be small amounts for a few hours at least, drier eastern dales. Risk becoming heavier in west, and persistent rain more widely.
Cloud on the hills?	Most frequent western tops Often capping the higher Three Peaks above 600-700m, sometimes lower in west in showers. Also likely to come and go above 700-800m in North Pennines. More often above the hills eastward.	Lowest and most persistent west Covering higher Pennines much of the day above 700m, but risk more persistent above 500m western Three Peaks area, lowering further all areas in rain.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, mostly eastern dales. Visibility at times very good, but reduced to occasionally poor in showers.	Mostly cloudy west, some brighter skies east with a little sun breaking through. Visibility fairly good where dry, but reducing to be poor in west in rain.
How Cold? (at 700m)	3 or 4C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C on tops.	3 or 4C, rising slightly after dark. Feeling like -10 to -15C directly in the wind.
And in the valleys	7C from dawn, up to 9 or 10C afternoon, but lowering slightly in showers.	7C from dawn, rising to 9 or 10C.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 22 February, 2026**

West to southwesterly winds prevail during the week ahead as areas of low pressure move toward northwest Scotland whilst ridges of higher pressure occasionally nudge across southern Britain. Sustained gales over the mountains, only brief lulls. Temperatures will fluctuate above and below freezing on higher Scottish mountains, with periods of thaw and refreezing. England and Wales generally above freezing to tops with a substantial thaw of most upland snow. Frequent rainfall, often heavy over western mountains, at times showery with hail, some snow on Scottish Munros. The final days of February favour colder northwesterly air and a drop of freezing level.

Forecast issued at 15:31 on Friday, 20 February, 2026

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