

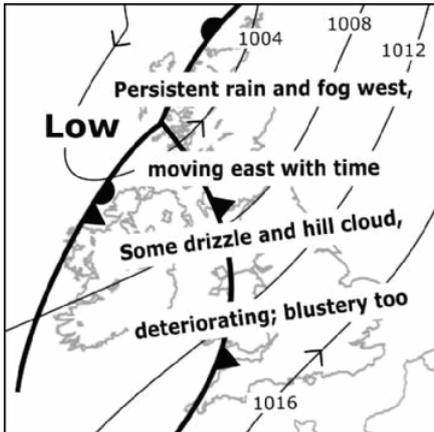
# Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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, 25 February, 2026



### British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 25 February, 2026

Mild for the time of year; freezing levels above all summits, snow still lying on high Munros but continuing to thaw to the summits. Windy, strongest near Irish Sea and south Scotland with buffeting gusts. Rain and extensive hill cloud in west Scotland, passing east and into England and Wales with time.

### Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Risk of rain and fog increasing, mostly north; blustery

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 25 February, 2026

<p><b>How windy? (On the summits)</b></p>	<p>Southwesterly 30-35mph, gusty in places too, notably early in the day. A strengthening trend, top speed of 40mph for a few hours and perhaps again overnight.</p>
<p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p><b>Strenuous walking much of the day with buffeting gusts and notable wind chill. Some deterioration is likely with walking becoming arduous on high tops.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b></p>	<p><b>Afternoon patchy rain, mostly north</b> In the morning, spots of fine drizzle drifting onto high summits of N Pennines, sometimes Three Peaks area as well. Afternoon brings an increasing chance of patchy rain, most of it in the west; east Yorks Dales may well stay dry.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b></p>	<p><b>Mostly high terrain but variable</b> Fog largely shrouds the high terrain from Cross Fell southward in the N Pennines. The Three Peaks will mostly be in fog too, at times the bases drifting lower. Hills to the east will be often free of cloud, though an increasing chance of more extensive cloud N Pennines later. <b>40%, reducing, to 20% N Pennines</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Often cloudy but with bright breaks, some sun possible over Yorks Dales/eastern fells, best chance early. Good visibility but some haze to the south.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>  <b>And in the valleys</b></p>	<p>6C at dawn, rising to 7 or 8C, always mildest to the northeast. Feeling just below freezing in the wind.  7C from dawn, rising to 10 to 12C, warmest near and north of the Howgills.</p>

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

	Thursday 26 February	Friday 27 February
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southwesterly 35-45mph. A risk of speeds reaching 50mph in the N Pennines in the afternoon.  <b>Strenuous-to-arduous walking all day, most powerful wind requiring bracing/crouching for stability; significant wind chill.</b>	Highly uncertain: variable speed and direction possible, though a trend towards strengthening westerlies, to 35mph+.  <b>Uncertain, variable conditions: effects may be small for several hours but a deteriorating trend likely.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Pulses of rain</b> Bands of rain will sweep west-to-east through the day. Dry periods are likely, though the fells from Tebay south to the Three Peaks receive spotty light rain in the wind, and may be more widespread later.	<b>Periods of rain</b> Rain likely affecting most fells at some point through the day, some dry moments too, but also a risk of setting in more widely for several hours, though confidence is low.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Often on tops, variable, may deteriorate</b> Variable, extensive over high terrain during pulses of rain, bases reaching as low as 400m on western aspects. Higher bases with breaks to tops during dry periods. Western high fells (Cross Fell/Three Peaks) may only see brief breaks.  <b>30%</b>	<b>Mostly high terrain, breaks possible</b>  Fairly extensive above 600m in the morning, ragged lower patches too from rain. A lifting trend, some summit breaks possible too, but with a risk of returning extensively again if rain returns.  <b>60%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Variable cloud, sometimes brighter skies with sunny breaks, but then overcast during rain. Good visibility during rain/fog breaks.	Sun bursts possible later in the day. Very good visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>  <b>And in the valleys</b>	5C, may rise a degree Yorks Dales. Feeling like -8 to -10C in the wind.  7C from dawn, little change in N Pennines, rising to 8 or locally 9C Yorks Dales.	2 or 3C most of the day, milder early, possibly 5C, trending cooler with time. Feeling like -5 to -8C in strongest wind.  5 or 6C from dawn, may rise a degree, but substantially cooling afternoon, to 4C or lower after dark.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 26 February, 2026

Thursday will be windy with a swathe of rain affecting all areas at some point. A low pressure core is likely to affect the country on Friday, but detail is highly uncertain: there is a risk of rain and strong wind for central and southern areas, a general cooling trend. Snow returning to the Scottish Highlands, the snowfall level lowering into nighttime. A fast-moving ridge of high pressure leads into Saturday, then a return to west-southwesterly wind with bands of rain passing west to east through the weekend into the following week.

Mixed conditions are indicated in the following week, with low and high pressure competing for dominance: freezing levels will vary, high Scottish terrain often at or below freezing, the level occasionally lifting to and above tops.

### Forecast issued at 16:54 on Tuesday, 24 February, 2026

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