

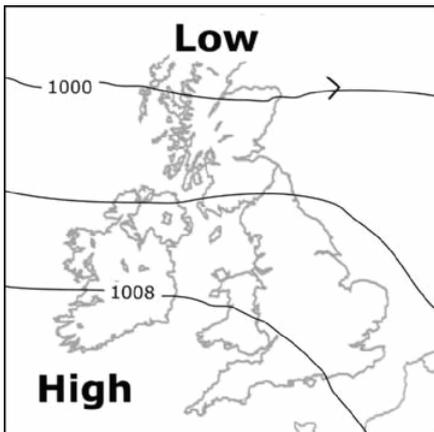
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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, 14 March, 2026



**British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 14 March, 2026**

Very much less windy, especially England and Wales in afternoon. But still cold day with hail and snow showers, and particularly Wales away from western hills spells of sun. The snow will penetrate to lower slopes in Scotland but be confined above 600m elsewhere.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Much less windy, particularly afternoon. Snow showers.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 14 March, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwest, during morning backing to westerly, ranging from 30mph after dawn to 20mph around midday and perhaps 15mph mid afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Becoming fairly small. Considerable wind chill morning.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Hail and snow showers. Showers: frequent at times morning, mainly Yorkshire dales, but becoming very few afternoon. Expect hail and above 450m, snow.
Cloud on the hills?	Cloud base rising; most or all summits clearing afternoon Varied cloud base: sometimes below 300-550m, lowest western Yorkshire dales near precipitation until mid or late morning. Generally though cloud base rising, with cloud only occasionally covering areas above 800m from midday.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20% rising to 80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, mainly more eastern areas, at first; slowly improving to a patchwork of sun. Hazy, and very poor visibility in snow morning; mostly very good or excellent visibility afternoon.
How Cold? (at 700m)	1C; varying by a degree or two as showers come and go. Will feel as cold as minus 12C directly in the wind.
And in the valleys	Will reach 6 or 7C in the afternoon.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 15 March	Monday 16 March
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwest veering west typically between 35 and 45mph, perhaps 55mph morning. Risk strengthening further toward dusk. Continued difficult walking and wind chill significant on exposed higher areas. Expect balance, and in places general mobility to be difficult.	Westerly; easing through morning from 35-45 to 30-35mph, strongest higher tops. Strengthening again toward dusk. Significant wind chill and arduous or at times difficult walking. Balance may well be a struggle higher areas in morning.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain morning; clearing to showers Morning and perhaps middle of day: Extensive rain. Early afternoon: Clearing, but temporarily snow above 600m Later afternoon: Hail and snow showers (rain lower slopes).	Frequent hail and snow Showers; perhaps very frequent morning - the precipitation possibly almost constant for an hour or so. Expect hail and above 350, later 650m snow. Precipitation probably widespread before dusk.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Fells covered morning; then cloud base rising markedly Morning and perhaps early afternoon: Blanket of fog across the fells, breaks to 600m north Pennines and more eastern dales. Into afternoon: Varying cloud base, between occasionally 500m near precipitation and otherwise above 750m. Less than 10% morning; later 70%	May clear temporarily: highest cloud base middle of day - later deteriorating Cloud base varying: near precipitation below 450m, perhaps 300m morning. Otherwise, cloud base 600m perhaps above nearly all tops into the afternoon. Fog may well fill in across the hills, particularly Yorkshire dales late in day. 30%, but 70% for a few hours
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Dull and misty morning and probably into afternoon. Later patchy sun and mostly good visibility (temporarily poor in precipitation).	Sunshine coming through over a few hours from later morning - cloud thickening later in day. Persistent haze - and very poor visibility in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	4C dropping to 0 or 1C. Will feel as cold as minus 10C where exposed to the wind. Around 9 Celsius most of day - although may drop a degree or so into afternoon.	-1C, rising toward 2C. Will feel as cold as minus 14C due to wind chill. Will reach around 7C in the afternoon.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 15 March, 2026

Frequent upland gales until Tuesday - generally strongest Scottish Highlands. Precipitation will continue on most mountains, focussed in the west - lengthy periods of showery weather and occasional swathes of widespread rain. Freeze thaw cycles will continue: on the Scottish Highlands, thaw periods brief and snow widely accumulating. Further south, lying snow mostly confined to higher summits.

There is now high likelihood of an abrupt transition mid-week as pressure builds north of Britain: extensively fine; cloud often clearing, particularly western Britain and temperature levels more varied - fairly warm some afternoons but frost widely at night.

Forecast issued at 12:32 on Friday, 13 March, 2026

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