

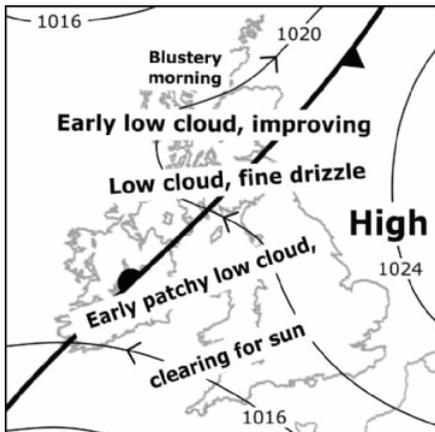
# Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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, 18 March, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 18 March, 2026**

Patchy low cloud across many hills early, lifting and fading, particularly away from west coasts; sun breaking out. A weak front lingers over south Scotland, maintaining low cloud and some light spotty drizzle. Light wind, though a blustery morning in the north Scottish highlands; breezy in south Wales too.

### Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Some early cloud clears for sun; mild, to warm in valleys

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 18 March, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	West-southwesterly 10-15mph at dawn, easing to less than 10mph, southerly or variable direction.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Negligible</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>No precipitation expected</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Early variable banks of cloud largely clear the fells</b> Banks of cloud at various heights in the morning, lifting after sunrise, most summits clearing with time, a few odd ragged patches may occasionally drift over the high summits near and north of Cross Fell.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Mostly sunny after early low cloud lifts and dissipates, though some high cloud may weaken the sunshine for periods. Good visibility, some haze around.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>	6 or 7C from dawn, rising to 10 or 11C.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	4 or 5C from dawn, rising to 14 to 16C, mildest Yorks Dales.

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

	Thursday 19 March	Friday 20 March
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	East-southeasterly though variable, 10mph or less.	Variable 10mph or less.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Negligible.</b>	<b>Small.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Little or none</b> Small chance of a few spots of drizzle rain in the eastern N Pennines, likely entirely dry.	<b>Precipitation not expected</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Most extensive north and east</b>  Valley fog in the morning, the fog thicker to the north and east, perhaps widely shrouding east N Pennines; broken banks towards Cross Fell. Fog lifts after sunrise, largely to above 600m, may dissipate over Yorks Dales. Best clearing on middle slopes to the west.	<b>Covering some hill slopes for a time</b>  Fog in some valleys from dawn, perhaps low cloud more widely over eastern Pennines in particular for a few hours. Tending to disperse or lift above most tops into afternoon.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Best chance of sun on lower western slopes but weakened by high cloud, particularly N Pennines. Visibility will be limited by a haze.	Sun best toward west; cloudier in east. Visibility very good, some haze lower down.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>	6 to 8C, mildest south, trending towards 6C more widely.	Around 7C, some cooler spots at first, then some slightly warmer spots by afternoon.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	5C, lifting to 11C.	Slight frost some valleys particularly in west at dawn. Rising to 11 to 13C afternoon, warmest west.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 19 March, 2026**

Fairly widely settled conditions across the country later this week. Some cloud and spotty light rain lingers in north England/south Scotland for a few days, elsewhere becoming mostly sunny; valley fog in many lowland areas early, lifting and dissipating after sunrise for clear hills. Generally milder temperatures and light wind but the occasional stronger gust. The weekend is anticipated to be settled as well, with a mix of cloud and sun, early low cloud lifting and clearing many mountains, only occasional spots of rain in the far northwest of Scotland. A spell of more unsettled weather expected next week, with stronger wind, precipitation, and colder temperatures.

**Forecast issued at 15:05 on Tuesday, 17 March, 2026**

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