

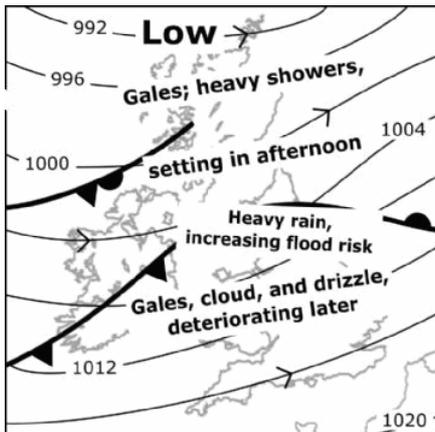
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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.



Wheelwrights Cottages provide a wide range of self-catering accommodation around Langdale and beyond to suit all requirements. Please call us on 015394 37635 for details or go to www.wheelwrights.com

General Summary for Tuesday, 24 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 24 March, 2026

Widespread gales, severe early in Scotland. Showers in west Scotland, pushing east, turning snowy and setting in for a time. Near constant rain for Lakeland and Yorks Dales, becoming heavy with a rising flood risk. Rain spreads widely across England and Wales later, wind strengthens in Wales.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Gales and heavy rain, nearly constant west Yorks Dales NP

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 24 March, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 45 to 55mph most of the day. Winds may ease slightly in the north afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult conditions across the fells most of the day, mobility challenging in exposure during strongest wind with significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy rain western Yorks Dales, setting in widely afternoon Persistent and increasingly heavy rain over the western Yorks Dales, perhaps all day; becoming very wet underfoot here with a risk of flooding. Rain starts patchier east and north, but spreading more widely afternoon, with risk of heavier downpours later.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, lowest west Shrouding the fells widely, from lower elevations upward western areas up to Tebay. Mostly above 600-700m further north and east, more extensively lower as rain sets in, most fells shrouded from at least 500m upward.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, dull and murky in rain. Visibility increasingly very poor.
How Cold? (at 700m)	6 or 7C most of the day. Beginning to lower from the north afternoon, a sharp drop as evening approaches, around 2C, then more widely towards freezing overnight. Feeling like -12 to -15C in the wind.
And in the valleys	8 to 10C in morning up to mid-afternoon, then dropping later in day.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 25 March	Thursday 26 March
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Northwesterly 30 to 45mph, varying speeds with squally gusts around showers, to 50mph+. Walking often impeded, frequent buffeting, in places more arduous over higher exposed terrain. Significant wind chill.	North-northwesterly 20-30mph, gradually easing, shifting somewhat westerly, 15mph into evening. Walking impeded with stability affected on high exposed fells early. Easing to fairly small effects.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Hail and snow showers Showery snow and hail falling to lower slopes, mostly western areas in the morning, but increasingly widespread with time. Chance of isolated thunder & lightning.	No precipitation expected
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Occasionally capping tops Cloud base changing, mostly confined to highest summits above 700-800m and often lifting above. Brief patches to 600m in showers. 60%	Only late in the day, if any The fells clear of cloud most or all day. Overnight, cloud starts filling in over high tops, lower bases west. 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of bright sunshine, most common toward east in morning. Visibility at times very good, but appalling in showers with brief whiteout over tops.	Bright sunshine in the morning, high cloud starting to build from midday onward. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	-1 or -2C, slight rise into afternoon. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C on tops. 1C from dawn, local frosts likely, rising to 6C afternoon, but dropping back several degrees during showers.	-2 or -3C, lifting to +1C. Feeling like -10 to -12C in early wind. A widespread frost, locally -3C N Pennines. Lifting to 4 or 5C.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 25 March, 2026**

Cold, wintry conditions across all mountains into midweek - significant chill factor from gale force west then northwesterly winds. Hail and snow showers extend southwards into Wednesday, by then below freezing on all tops above 600-700m. Fewer showers by Thursday for many, though further snow then rain moves into western Scotland. Temperature and freezing level then varying as changeable westerlies prevail for Scotland through the weekend into early next week with periods of upland gales widely, accompanied by spells of rain, hill snow and hail showers; some windows of drier weather more often affect England & Wales.

Forecast issued at 15:56 on Monday, 23 March, 2026

Forecasts are issued daily by 16:30 and are kept under review and amended as necessary. However, expected conditions can still change after issue. © Copyright Mountain Weather Information Service, 2026.