

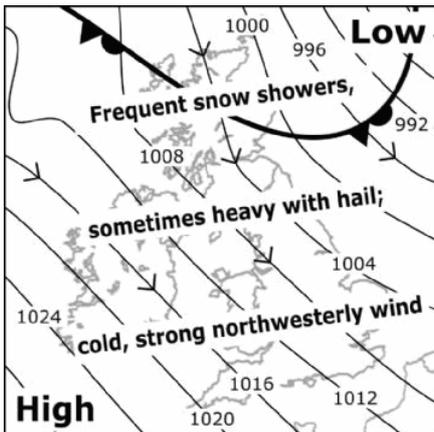
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 March, 2026



**British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 25 March, 2026**

Widespread hail and snow showers, at times heavy with a risk of isolated lightning. Fewer showers in the N Pennines and southeast Scotland for a few morning hours, but returning afternoon. Gales widespread as well with sudden strong gusts, easing only slightly in Scotland. Cold, staying below freezing above 500-600m.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Snow and hail showers, mostly Yorks Dales; gales

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 25 March, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 40 to 45mph, varying speeds with squally gusts around showers, to 50mph+. Speeds will trend to the lower end of the range in the N Pennines, around 35mph near dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous most of the day with significant wind chill, often challenging in exposure during sudden strong gusts, requiring bracing to maintain stability. Conditions slightly improving late in the day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Hail and snow showers, most frequent Yorks Dales Showery snow and hail falling to lower slopes, mostly western areas in the morning, may be well-scattered over the N Pennines for a time, but again more widespread as the afternoon goes; chance of isolated thunder & lightning.
Cloud on the hills?	Occasionally capping tops Cloud base changing, mostly confined to highest summits above 700-800m and often lifting above. Brief patches to 600m in showers. N Pennines substantially clear for several morning hours.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%
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.
How Cold? (at 700m)	-1 or -2C, slight rise into afternoon. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C on tops.
And in the valleys	1C from dawn, local frosts likely, rising to 4 or 5C afternoon, but dropping back several degrees during showers.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 26 March	Friday 27 March
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	North-northwesterly 20-30mph, shifting westerly and easing, 15mph, restrengthening into night. Walking impeded with stability affected on high exposed fells early. Easing to fairly small effects.	Westerly 20-30mph, up to 35mph early in the day; some notable gusts over exposed tops. Walking impeded on exposed fells, some buffeting gusts affecting stability. Feeling increasingly chilly.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no precipitation during daylight Late in the day, some light spotty rain may affect the fells, but likely dry. Patchy rain arrives as night falls.	Morning rain, largely dry afternoon Often raining on the western slopes from dawn, more patchy to the east. Gradually breaking from the north - rain most persistent Ingleton to Tebay. Largely dry afternoon, just odd spots west slopes.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Clear most of the day The fells clear of cloud most of the day. As evening approaches, a deck of cloud will lower to touch the high tops, lowering into night. 90%	Extensive early, breaking from the north Extensive fog at dawn, to the lower slopes of western Yorks Dales, nearer 500-600m N Pennines. Breaking from the north with time, clearing most summits though afternoon, though Three Peaks may be slower to clear. 20%, rising to 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine in the morning, high cloud starting to build from midday onward. Excellent visibility.	Sun gradually breaking out from the north, some fair weather cloud builds. Visibility improving to very good as cloud and rain clear.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	-2 or -3C, lifting to +1C, several degrees higher overnight. Feeling like -10 to -12C in early wind. A widespread frost at and before dawn, locally -3C N Pennines. Lifting to 4 or 5C.	5 to 6C at dawn, mildest south. Soon cooling from the north, 2C widely by dusk. Later, feeling like -5 to -8C in wind. 5C from dawn, rising up to 7C by early afternoon, then cooling rapidly, 3C by nightfall.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 26 March, 2026

Thursday starts chilly with clear skies for many, snow then rain moves into western areas with time. Strong northwesterly winds prevail as the weekend starts, brining cooler temperatures and a mix of showers and sun across most areas, the showers likely snowy to middle elevations with some hail mixed in. The cool, spring-like conditions will allow showers to become heavier and more widespread in the afternoon. Sunday into next week sees high pressure southwest of the country, producing drier weather with sun breaks, a trend towards milder temperatures too, but several low pressure systems to the north draw bands of rain eastward, mostly affecting Scotland, occasionally northern England and Wales. A risk of cooler northerly winds re-establishing later in the week, though detail is uncertain.

Forecast issued at 15:41 on Tuesday, 24 March, 2026

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