

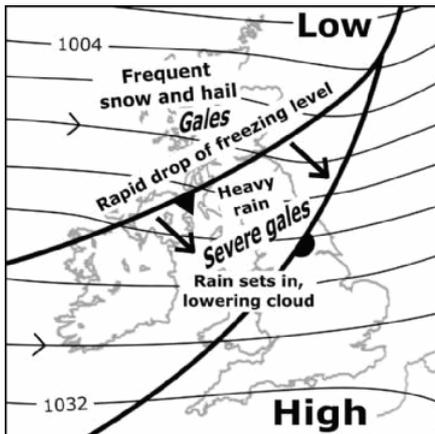
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Sunday, 29 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 29 March, 2026

Widely difficult conditions - extensive gales across the hills, often severe on higher terrain; a few hours of storm-force winds moving southward accompanied by a swathe of heavy rain, some snow on high tops. Colder air follows across Scotland, with frequent showery hail and snow, periods of whiteout on mountains.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Severe upland gales, rain heavy for a few hours, then showers.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 29 March, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 55-70mph with stronger gusts during morning, then westerly 40-50mph into afternoon, squally gusts.
Effect of wind on you?	Severe conditions for a time, powerful gusts could knock you off your feet. Remaining difficult high Pennines, mobility challenging in exposure. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain turns heavy, showers into afternoon A swathe of increasingly heavy rain moving in from northwest in morning, brief snow on high tops. Torrential bursts for a time up to middle of the day, clearing but followed by local showers afternoon, later snow high tops in north.
Cloud on the hills?	Lowest in rain west, rising later Varied mostly over higher western slopes early in day, but filling in more extensively, lowering to 500-600m. Then rising in afternoon with breaks forming to tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%, later 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, then bursts of sun develop afternoon. Visibility very poor in rain, improving later to intermittently very good out of showers.
How Cold? (at 700m)	1C rising briefly to 3C middle of day, by evening dropping toward 0C. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C.
And in the valleys	2C at dawn, rising to 8C afternoon, but a few degrees lower during heavy rain.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Monday 30 March	Tuesday 31 March
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	West to northwesterly, 35 to 50mph, strongest North Pennines in the morning, gusts 60mph for a time higher tops. Walking difficult on exposed higher terrain, considerable buffeting, gusts knocking you off balance. Significant wind chill.	Westerly, 20 to 30mph, gusty in places around higher tops. Breezy, gusty spots starting to affect comfortable walking on exposed terrain. Marked wind chill despite milder air.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Light showers for a time Well scattered light showers, snow flurries above 500m, fading out with time.	Drizzly rain, fading during day Drizzle and light rain most persistent and widespread during the morning, though patchier small amounts eastwards. Tending to fade to patchy drizzle confined to western Dales into afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Lifting above most tops Cloud banks drifting over higher slopes, mostly above 600-700m in morning, tending to rise. Increasing breaks to tops. Will then lower from southwest into night.	Extensive, rising with some breaks Blanket low cloud across most fells in the morning above 400-500m, lower for a time in western areas. Tending to rise and break with time, best toward east. Banks likely linger above 600-700m Three Peaks area.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70% rising above 90%	10%, rising to 40% afternoon.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun, most common east. Visibility mostly very good.	Glimpses of sun mostly eastern areas. Poor visibility on much higher terrain at least in morning, becoming good where cloud lifts and breaks.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	0C rising to 2 or 3C afternoon, then higher after dark. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C. 4C from dawn, rising to 9C afternoon.	5 to 7C. Feeling like -2 to -5C directly in the wind. 7C from dawn, rising to 13C afternoon, locally warmer eastern dales.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 30 March, 2026**

Milder air across all areas by Tuesday, with drizzly rain and low cloud particularly in the west. A drop of temperature returns to Scotland at least during Wednesday, with a belt of rain expected to move slowly southwards, followed by showers turning to snow again on higher areas, possible hail. Uncertain southward extent of rain and colder air beyond midweek - lower confidence in forecast detail toward Easter - high pressure toward the east and south brings some drier weather, but Atlantic weather systems may continue to move near to the northwest of Britain bringing further spells of strong wind and rain, plus fluctuating temperatures in Scotland, whilst further south likely stays milder.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Saturday, 28 March, 2026

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