

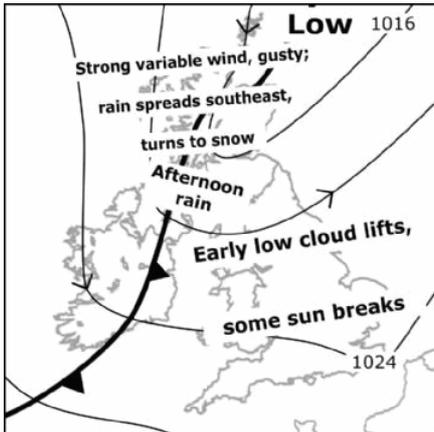
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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General Summary for Wednesday, 1 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 1 April, 2026

Rain spreads across Scottish Highlands from the northwest, turning to snow as temperature sharply drops. Strong, variable wind here with gale-force gusts. Early hill cloud England and Wales lifts, best breaks east for some sun glimpses. Patchy rain into Snowdonia, Lakeland, and N Pennines late in the day.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Increasingly windy north; some sun breaks, best east

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 1 April, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	West-southwesterly 20 to 30mph, tending to strengthen, to gusty 40mph N Pennines by evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery, buffeting gusts develop around higher tops, local downslope gusts to east. Later in the day, walking becomes arduous over the high exposed tops in the north. Marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Some light patchy rain west Scattered drizzly showers, mostly just western fells, many hours largely dry. Late in the day, increasing risk of patchy rain moving in from northwest, heavier bursts of rain after nightfall.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly western and higher tops Varied cloud, most persistent over western tops around Three Peaks, base 600m for periods. Mostly above 600-700m north and eastern Pennine areas, breaks off summits likely.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Rising to 60%, though 40% Three Peaks
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine breaking out here and there, perhaps more frequently for a time afternoon, then turning overcast late in the day. Often good visibility, occasionally diminished during rain.
How Cold? (at 700m)	5 or 6C, mildest around and north of Teesdale, may reach 7C here. A sharp temperature drop from the north evening into night, to below freezing overnight. Feeling like to -5C in exposure high tops.
And in the valleys	6C from dawn, locally cooler eastern valleys. rising to 11C afternoon.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 2 April	Friday 3 April
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Variable: N'ly 10-20 mph early, easing, variable 10mph or less several hours, reorienting SW'ly later, up to 25mph late. Mostly small, some nuisance wind on exposed terrain early and late in the day.	Southwesterly 30-45mph, powerful gusts, including downslope to the east, and may strengthen further. Conditions often arduous in exposure, feeling chilly despite mild temperatures, mobility may become challenging later.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Likely dry Small chance of odd spots of drizzly rain on eastern fells, but likely entirely dry.	Periods of rain Rain will come and go across the fells, generally patchy in nature, though may set in for periods on western fells. Some chance of a drier window for a few hours.
Cloud on the hills?	Early fog lifts to clear the summits A fairly extensive layer of cloud on high terrain in the morning, lowest bases on eastern fells. After sunrise, the cloud lifting likely clearing the summits by afternoon.	Fairly extensive, some breaks During periods of rain, cloud will shroud the fells widely to middle slopes, down to lower slopes on western aspects. Breaks up towards 700m towards Teesdale during cessations in the rain, and some chance of higher breaks for a few hours.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Rising to 80%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun increasingly breaking out for extended periods. Very good visibility.	Often overcast, but a few brighter windows with glimpses of sun are possible. Mixed visibility, often poor in rain (particularly west), but occasionally good.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	-1C at dawn, lifting to +2C. 0 or +1C at dawn, greatest chance of frosts in N Pennines, though some in Yorks Dales NP too. Lifting to 6C, 7C	3 or 4C early, lifting, up to 7C. May lower a degree into evening. Feeling like -7 to -10C in direct wind. 2 or 3C at dawn, lifting up to 11 or 12C.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 2 April, 2026

A brief lull in unsettled weather on Thursday with mostly dry, sunny conditions and lighter wind. Atlantic weather patterns and west-southwesterly winds follow behind on Friday and into the Easter weekend, but day-to-day detail is uncertain. Temperature and wind will be variable, periods of gales and possibly often cold over the mountains with snow and hail showers at times to lower elevations at least in Scotland, sometimes more widely. Precipitation generally most frequent west and northwest, though bands of heavy rain will sweep east at times. Some brief windows of drier and brighter conditions, as well as milder days in England and Wales, occasionally milder Scotland too, but soon followed by more Atlantic low pressure.

Forecast issued at 16:23 on Tuesday, 31 March, 2026

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