

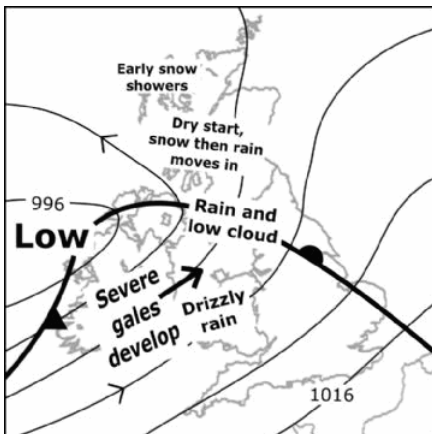
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Saturday, 4 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 4 April, 2026

A fine start for much of Highlands, a lull in wind, but snow moving in from south, setting in widely afternoon; snow to low elevations, then abruptly rain to tops in southern Highlands later. Rapidly strengthening gales for England & Wales, becoming stormy, extending across Scotland afternoon into evening.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Gales develop, later stormy. Rain, drizzle, low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 4 April, 2026

<p>How windy? (On the summits)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Southerly, briefly below 20mph early in day, but rapid increase to 40-50mph by early afternoon, later 60-70mph higher fells, reaching 80mph highest tops in evening, 90mph after dark. Powerful damaging gusts to lower slopes into evening.</p> <p>Small early in day, but deteriorating during daytime - walking challenging then later any mobility increasingly difficult, gusts could blow you over even at mid-heights. Significant wind chill.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Rain or drizzle setting in; heavy rain by dusk</p> <p>Dry start, for a few hours north & east, but patchy rain developing to become persistent for a time, briefly snow highest tops in north. During afternoon, drizzly conditions at least in west, rain on and off. Then by dusk intense heavy rain for a time. Into night, hail showers, snow tops above 600m.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free summits?</p>	<p>Lowering in morning, particularly west</p> <p>Patchy cloud around some slopes mainly in west in the morning, many fells clear for a time. Increasingly lowering across the fells as rain develops, filling in lowest for western areas up to Tebay. Some breaks forming later afternoon mainly east.</p> <p>60% dropping to 20%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Any weak early sun soon giving way to overcast skies. Visibility starts very good, then reducing to be poor.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 700m)</p> <p>And in the valleys</p>	<p>-1C at first, rising to +4C afternoon, then dropping back to 0C into night. Feeling like -10C or below as wind strengthens.</p> <p>Slight frost some valleys up to dawn, rising to 13C afternoon.</p>

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 5 April	Monday 6 April
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Stormy conditions overnight lessen up to dawn, then 35 to 50mph during daytime, squally gusts, easing a little afternoon. Frequent buffeting, walking arduous over higher terrain, some gradual improvement. Significant wind chill.	Southwest turning southerly, 15 to 25mph. Fairly small, but gusty in places around higher summits.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery hail and snow Generally showery, heavy bursts with hail, and snow to lower-mid elevations early in day, becoming mostly rain or hail below 500m with time. Chance isolated thunder & lightning. Showers fading toward evening.	Rain unlikely
Cloud on the hills?	Varying, breaks above tops Patchy cloud drifting over higher slopes, most often in western Three Peaks around 700m, briefly lower in showers. More often clearing eastwards.	Little if any Rare patches over western tops near Ingleborough in morning, otherwise the fells largely clear.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of bright sunshine and very good visibility, but briefly very poor in showers.	Sunshine and a veil of high cloud. Visibility very good, slight haze may develop.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	-1C rising to +1 or 2C afternoon. Feeling like -10 to -13C in the wind. 3C at dawn, rising to 7 or 8C afternoon, dropping a couple of degrees in showers.	0C at dawn, rising to 6C afternoon. Feeling like -5C directly in wind early in day, then around 0C afternoon. Frost in valleys around dawn. Rising to 12C afternoon.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 5 April, 2026**

Winter mountain conditions for Easter Sunday - all mountain tops sub-zero all day, above 600-700m in Scotland, 800m in England and Wales - hail and snow showers with gales bringing severe chill factor. Milder southerlies develop during Monday, dry and many hills clear with hazy sun, but gusty wind, risk of gales mainly west coastal mountains of Scotland. Quite warm by Tuesday, but strong to gale force south-southeasterly winds; dry for many, rain encroaching into western Scotland, thawing of recent snow. Scotland likely remains changeable, often windy later in the week, rain at times, varying temperatures, at times below freezing on higher Munros. Often drier and lighter winds for England and Wales.

Forecast issued at 16:24 on Friday, 3 April, 2026

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