

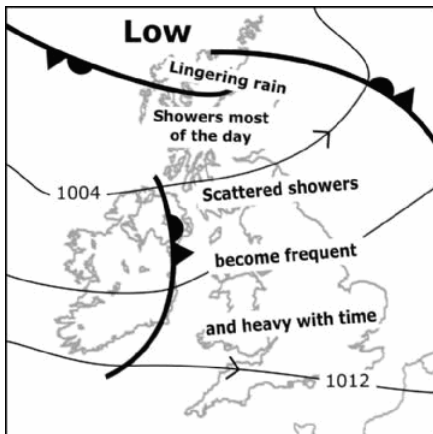
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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, 17 May, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 May, 2026

Scattered showers for most through morning, early low cloud (lowest west) rises to and above many summits for several hours. Showers become frequent and heavy afternoon, risk of isolated lightning and hail; showers most of the day in Scotland. Breezy in exposure, strong gusts near showers, and quite chilly.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Patchy sun; scattered showers, later frequent and heavy

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 17 May, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	West-southwesterly 20 to 25mph. Trending more southwesterly with time and perhaps easing to 15mph for several evening hours, but stronger gusts around showers.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but may feel more blustery in places on high tops with noticeable wind chill, particularly early in the day and later again around gusty showers.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Scattered showers, heavier and frequent through afternoon Scattered showers here and there morning into early afternoon, some early drizzle on the high tops too. Later in the day, a rising risk of frequent, heavy showers with a risk of hail and lightning.
Cloud on the hills?	Likely clear much of the day Banks of cloud around some higher slopes in the morning, lower patches too, but lifting mostly above tops through morning and well into the day. As showers for again later, banks return to high tops, and perhaps to 700m in heaviest showers.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A patchwork of cloud and sun for much of the day, some brighter moments, but later trending towards more cloud than sun. Visibility very good, but reduced in showers.
How Cold? (at 700m)	3C rising to 6 or 7C. Feeling at or just above freezing in strongest direct wind.
And in the valleys	5C at dawn, some cooler patches but frost is unlikely. Rising to 12C afternoon.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Monday 18 May	Tuesday 19 May
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly 10-15mph, or less in morning, tending to rise later in day to 20mph, later gusty 25-30mph+ dusk into night. Fairly small much of day, but risk increasingly blustery into evening and worsening onward into night.	Southerly 35-45mph, gusty early; easing trend and later shifting southwesterly, 25-35mph by late in the day. Arduous walking with buffeting and wind chill in exposure; easing with time but remaining strenuous high tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Localised heavy showers move east Patchy rain mostly in west in morning, odd showery bursts forming, risk locally heavier middle of day for a few hours, then most moving away eastward later afternoon. Into night, rain encroaches in from west.	Often raining Frequent showers affect the fells most of the day, at times merging into broader areas of rain, the rain quite persistent long high western slopes; risk isolated hail and lightning.
Cloud on the hills?	Lifting and clearing with time Varied cloud banks around hills in morning, particularly western Yorks Dales. Lifting to upper slopes or above into middle of day, ragged patches locally in showers. Increasingly clearing afternoon.	Fairly extensive Cloud shrouds the fells to the low slopes in the morning. Cloud base tending to lift, highest bases may clear the hills north of Teesdale, but most western slopes will see little improvement (if any from Tebay to Ingleton).
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% rising to 80%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Variable cloud, glimpses of sun, becoming locally sunnier in western areas later afternoon; high cloud tending to build. Visibility very good.	A few glimpses of sun break out with time. Largely poor visibility, some better moments to the north and east.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	3C rising to 6 or 7C. 5C at dawn, rising to 13C afternoon.	6C rising to 9C; may stay slightly cooler western slopes. Feeling like -5 to -7C in direct wind. 6C at dawn, rising to 14C.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 18 May, 2026**

A mixed but milder outlook. Showery bursts of rain Monday, passing eastwards; by later Monday, strengthening southerly winds and rain moving into Wales from the southwest. Damp south-southwesterlies then prevail for a few days as mid-week approaches with regular showers, most on western hills where drizzly rain may persist between showers. Expect increasingly wet conditions underfoot, slippery rock surfaces. Also, a risk of isolated hail and lightning in the showers. Indications of high pressure building over the continent later in the week, brining milder and drier conditions to England and Wales. However, some drizzle and low cloud may continue to affect western hills, with periods of rain and wind continuing to affect Scotland. This trend may continue into the weekend, though detail currently uncertain.

Forecast issued at 16:05 on Saturday, 16 May, 2026

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