

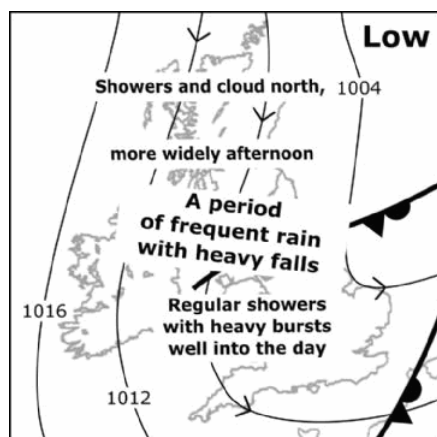
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Thursday, 20 August, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 August, 2026

Showers and low cloud push into north Scotland all day, feeling chilly in the wind. Showers more scattered over southern Munros. Showers affect south Scotland, England, and Wales all day, with a notable cluster of frequent heavy rain drifting south through England into the Peak District around midday, showers follow behind.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Early rain for several hours, then showers; blustery at times

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 20 August, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Northeasterly 20 to 30mph, at times 35mph higher North Pennines. Starting lighter early, particularly Yorks Dales NP where nearer to 10mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Feeling noticeably cool on exposed high terrain. Breezy over hills, in places may affect comfortable walking, and more strenuous moments on high exposed fells.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent rain, some heavy, turning showery Areas of rain from dawn, frequent or persistent with heavy bursts on and off, risk rumbles of thunder; beware sudden, rapid rise of streams. Showers become scattered as midday approaches, first in the north, and a few clusters and heavy bursts coming and going.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive for several hours Shrouding most high terrain in the morning, to mid-slopes in rain, and becoming more widely extensive for several midday hours, ragged patches forming to low slopes. Rising again through afternoon, first in the N Pennines, some breaks forming toward tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50% Yorks Dales NP in the morning, widely 10% until later, rising to 50% again
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, occasional sun mainly early in the south and later in the north. Visibility poor in cloud and rain, but good before and afternoon the period of rain.
How Cold? (at 700m)	8 to 10C, coolest north Pennines; any rise in temperature minimal and likely short lived. Feeling like 0 to 3C in stronger wind.
And in the valleys	9C at dawn, rising to 13 or 14C early afternoon, soon cooling again through afternoon.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Friday 21 August	Saturday 22 August
How windy? (On the summits)	Northerly 10mph and sometimes less; sudden gusts form around later showers.	Northwesterly around 10mph, some variability above and below.
Effect of wind on you?	Small, though afternoon gusts will become a nuisance.	Negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers breaking out Only an odd shower here and there in the morning but substantially dry. Showers break out through the afternoon, local heavy falls and generally drifting south.	Little or none A little damp air on sheltered slopes in the morning (not just high terrain), fading for dry fells.
Cloud on the hills?	Little expected until later Varied patchy mist in the morning, soon lifting and dissipating for clear fells. Some local mist may linger in the N Pennines slightly longer. Through afternoon, cloud banks lower onto high tops where rain occurs.	Little expected Some ragged patchy cloud here and there in the morning, mostly middle and upper slopes, this soon lifting and likely clearing off the tops for the rest of the day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	90% lowering to 60%	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine, most in the morning; clouding over for periods. Very good visibility.	Often sunny, fair weather cloud building afternoon. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 700m)	7C rising to 10 or 11C, greatest rise Yorks Dales NP. Starting to cool late afternoon as showers form.	7C rising to 13C.
And in the valleys	6C rising to 15 or 16C. As showers form, temperature begins to variably lower by several degrees.	7C rising to 18C.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 21 August, 2026

As the weekend approaches, wind shifts northerly, moving showers southward. Generally lighter wind but gusts will be common around showers. Temperature lowers too, dropping close to freezing on high Scottish tops on Friday morning (chance of sleet/snow here) and frost may occur in Highland glens over a couple of nights. Heavy showers in England and Wales on Friday, then more often dry with few lighter showers through the weekend as higher pressure builds into the southwest. Conditions remain on the drier, brighter side into early next week. Wind shifts southwesterly and pressure drops again as the week goes, bringing periods of cloud and rain for most hill groups, and perhaps some stronger wind at times. Detail is uncertain, but some windows of better weather are possible, notably in north and eastern areas.

Forecast issued at 16:31 on Wednesday, 19 August, 2026

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