

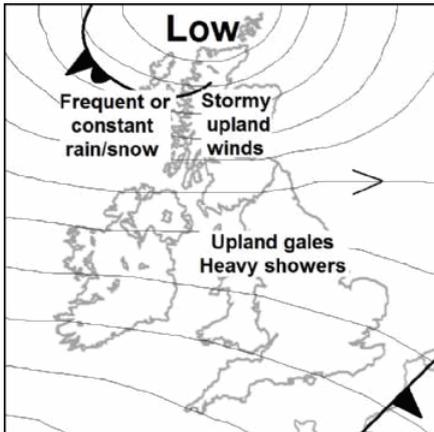
Peak District and Yorkshire Dales

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General Summary for Friday, 7 December, 2018



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 7 December, 2018

A stormy day across the Scottish mountains, and severe upland gales on higher terrain of England & Wales. Sustained periods of heavy snow and whiteout across the W/NW Highlands. Elsewhere sudden heavy showers, of snow, hail or rain lower slopes. Chance of thunder.

Headline for Peak District and Yorkshire Dales

Upland gales. Showery bursts; hail, snow high tops.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 7 December, 2018

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly, 40 to 50mph most or all of daylight, tending to strengthen; typically strongest tops in Yorks Dales.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking difficult on the hills, particularly Yorkshire Dales. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain then showers; isolated lightning A period of rain overnight will move away eastwards in the morning. Clusters of heavy showers will follow throughout the day, most frequent Yorks Dales up to about the M62. Fewer showers Peak District. Risk becoming snow to 600-700m or below. Hail, isolated thunder.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Extensive Yorkshire Dales Yorkshire Dales and south to the M62: Often covering the hills, cloud base varying quickly between showers. Patches below 400 or 500m intermittently clearing between showers. Peak District: Cloud occasionally covering higher tops; but summits often clearing. 40% Yorks Dales; 60% Peak District.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief glimpses of sun. Very hazy, particularly Yorkshire Dales. Visibility very poor in snow.
Temperature (at 600m) And in the valleys	2 or 3C (a little higher post dawn). Where exposed to the wind, will feel close to -12C. 8C, dropping to 5C in showers, and generally lowering a degree or so toward dusk.

Peak District and Yorkshire Dales - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 8 December	Sunday 9 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly in the range 35 to 50mph, perhaps easing slightly for an hour or so.	Northwesterly, 25 to 30 perhaps 35mph. Risk briefly stronger post-dawn.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous or at times difficult on higher areas. Significant wind chill.	Walking impeded and significant wind chill where exposed on higher areas.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain, mainly afternoon Risk of local bands of showers morning, otherwise largely or completely dry until into afternoon when rain will develop then set in from west, although total rainfall small Peak District.	A few showers Risk clusters of showers for a few hours post-dawn, possible hail, perhaps snow highest tops. Should fade to leave just isolated brief showers.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive particularly Yorkshire Dales Peak District: Most cloud above 500 or 600m before in afternoon lowering in rain. Yorkshire Dales south to the M62: breaks temporarily to 750m middle of day and into afternoon, but overall expect fog above 500m or in rain above western dales, below 300m.	Breaking to higher tops Risk of early cloud shrouding higher areas for a few hours, but should break up to leave just patches occasionally capping higher summits.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun, mainly eastern Peak District. Constant haze, clearest air Peak District.	Occasional sunshine breaking through. Visibility mostly very good, briefly reduced around showers.
Temperature (at 600m)	4C rising a couple of degrees toward dusk.	3 or 4C, may drop from north to 1C before dusk.
And in the valleys	8 to 10C, warmest eastern dales.	6 to 8C.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 8 December, 2018**

Becoming progressively colder and drier through the weekend as winds turn northwesterly. A few areas of snow and hail showers by Sunday, focused toward the north and west, but many areas will see sunshine.

Next week, staying below freezing on the mountains for a number of days, with hard frost in valleys early in week.

Confidence becomes low by midweek, but there is an increasing risk of unsettled conditions coming back in from the Atlantic, with gales and perhaps widespread snow on the mountains.

Forecast issued at 15:17 on Thursday, 6 December, 2018

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