

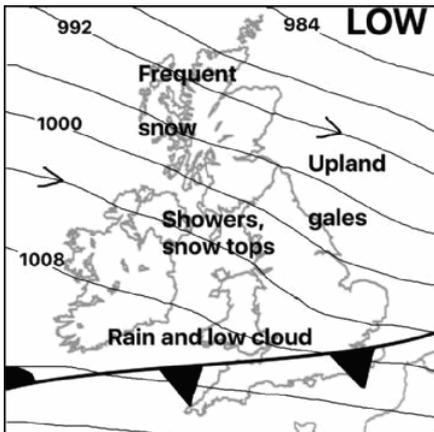
# Peak District and Yorkshire Dales

Covers the whole of the southern and central Pennines. Includes Cumbrian fells within the Yorkshire Dales NP extension.



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## General Summary for Friday, 15 March, 2019



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 15 March, 2019**

Upland gales will bring difficult conditions across the hills with significant/severe wind chill. Frequent snow/hail showers will drive across Scotland through the day, risk thunder in north. Further south, extensive low cloud and rain will edge south to become largely confined to south Wales in afternoon. Showers following to north England, snow on tops.

### Headline for Peak District and Yorkshire Dales

Upland gales/significant chill. Early rain/low cloud clearing. Then showers.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 15 March, 2019

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Westerly in the range 40-55mph, easing to 30-35mph later in the afternoon.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking widely arduous or locally difficult with significant buffeting and wind chill. Conditions easing later in afternoon.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Early rain, then showers.</b> Rain at dawn will break up and clear by mid to late morning. Then scattered showers will spread in from the west, these increasingly falling as sleet on highest tops in afternoon.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive higher areas, clearing PM.</b> Shrouding many hills extensively during rain at first, from lower slopes up western Pennines. Toward eastern Dales and Peak District, most cloud above 600m. However, by mid to late morning, most hills clear; with just occasional patches forming above 600m in showers.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Lifting to 70% by afternoon.</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Occasional bursts of sun into the afternoon. A general haze, and visibility reduced in rain/showers.
<b>Temperature (at 600m)</b>	6C, will lower toward 2C in afternoon. Feeling closer to -11C in direct exposure to the wind.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	Up to 8 to 10C late morning/lunchtime, lowering a couple of degrees through afternoon.

## Peak District and Yorkshire Dales - Looking Ahead

	<b>Saturday 16 March</b>	<b>Sunday 17 March</b>
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Low confidence: Southwesterly 35 to 45mph, perhaps 50mph for a time. Will veer westerly and ease to 25mph later in  <b>Walking likely arduous or at times locally difficult for much of the day with significant wind chill.</b>	Northwesterly 25-30mph, perhaps later 35mph.  <b>Will impede walking at times across higher areas with significant wind chill and marked buffeting.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain much of day. Patchy in Peak District.</b> Rain through much of the day. Persistent and often heavy across western Dales where conditions very wet underfoot. Rain much patchier across Peak District. Rain clearing to showers by late afternoon, these falling as snow above 600m.	<b>Frequent snow showers, later mostly rain.</b> Frequent snow/hail showers; across western hills risk of precipitation rarely ceasing over an hour or two, giving whiteout. Isolated thunder. Snow to lower slopes at first, but increasing becoming confined to higher tops in afternoon.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive, but breaks in the Peak District.</b> Cloud is likely to be extensive across the Dales for much of the day; to lower slopes in the west. However, across the Peak District, hill fog confined to higher tops with breaks developing.	<b>Often clear, but fairly extensive in snow.</b> Hills are likely to often be clear of cloud, particularly afternoon. However in showers, patches of cloud will form to 500-600m or below. Perhaps becoming extensive western hills for an hour to two where precipitation in near constant in morning.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare glimpses of sun; mainly Peak District.  Visibility mostly poor in York Dales due to low cloud and rain, but at times good Peak District.	Occasional sun between showers, mainly into afternoon. Visibility at times very good, but often very poor in the morning due to snow with risk of temporary whiteout.
<b>Temperature (at 600m)</b>  <b>And in the valleys</b>	6C lowering to 1C by late afternoon.  Around 7 to 10C, lowering later in the afternoon.	-2C lifting to 2C by end of the day.  2 to 4C in morning, lifting to 5 to 7C in afternoon.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 16 March, 2019**

Despite significant uncertainties on track, an area of low pressure will move in on Saturday with bring widespread precipitation, low cloud and upland gales across many hills. Snow is expected to fall across higher parts of the North Pennines/Lakes for a time, but more widely, and to low levels, across the Southern Uplands and later central/southern Highlands. By Sunday, northwest winds will bring snow showers across many hills, increasingly rain to lower slopes through day. Largely fine on Monday, but low cloud and rain will reach western hills late on. This will then herald a change to milder, cloudier and across Scotland damp conditions through the middle of the week with a period of sustained thaw.

**Forecast issued at 16:37 on Thursday, 14 March, 2019**

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