

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

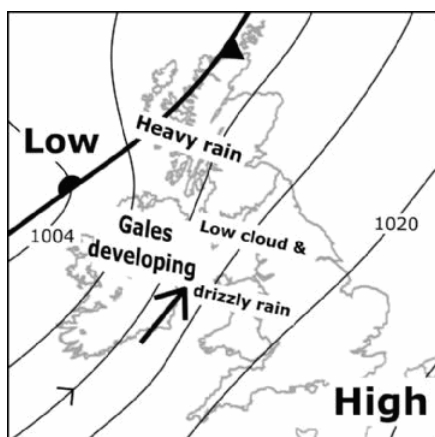
The entire Yorkshire Dales National Park and North Pennines AONB, including the Three Peaks and Cross Fell, plus Howgills, also south to Forest of Bowland.



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General Summary for Thursday, 2 October, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 2 October, 2025

A persistently wet day for western Scotland, increasingly sustained heavy falls setting in. Southerly winds strengthen to become widely gale force over the mountains afternoon into evening. Small amounts of rain elsewhere, but drizzly for all. Low cloud blanketing hills, highest bases north of major hill groups.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Wind strengthening, gales later. Drizzly rain and low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 2 October, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 20 to 30mph, reaching 40mph in the west later, then 50-60mph evening into the night.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery and increasingly rather gusty conditions with time, later in day more arduous. Deteriorating further after dark.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy drizzle; wetter after dark Patches of drizzle, mainly over southern and western upslopes. Mostly dry in the east. Steadier then heavier rain develops into the evening and overnight.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, breaks in east. Cloud will shroud the higher slopes in fog often through the day, or all day in the western Yorks Dales up to Tebay above 600m. Best breaks to upper slopes in the east and northeastern Pennines.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun will be very fleeting and mainly in the east. Visibility at times poor due to drizzle, but otherwise good.
How Cold? (at 700m)	9 or 10C, fairly humid air, but feeling closer to freezing in stronger winds.
And in the valleys	11C at dawn, rising to 14 to 16C, warmest eastern dales.

	Friday 3 October	Saturday 4 October
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 25mph, or briefly less in morning, but increasing during afternoon, then rapidly into evening to 60-70mph.	Southwest soon westerly, 45 to 60mph, up to 70mph higher North Pennines with stronger gusts mainly morning.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small in the morning, but expect deteriorating conditions during afternoon, becoming severe onward into evening.	Challenging mobility over higher terrain all day, gusts could knock you over. The most difficult conditions likely early in day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Some early showers; heavy rain develops Overnight rain clearing to showers by dawn, mostly in west, these fade to be often dry for a few hours in morning. Rain then develops from southwest, setting in quickly widely heavy afternoon. Very wet underfoot west.	Rain most persistent western Dales Rain on and off, but frequent to near-constant for periods western areas, particularly Three Peaks, at times heavy. Fast-flowing streams, expect flooding.
Cloud on the hills?	Patches west, good breaks many tops Banks of cloud over the fells from dawn, most persistent western Three Peaks area up to Tebay. Breaks to many tops for a few hours. Lowering as rain develops, increasingly filling in.	Mostly higher western tops Cloud mostly confined above 600m, most common on tops south of Tebay. Further east and north, mostly above 700m, often above eastern tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60% later 20%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Early sun weakens as high cloud increasingly covers the sky, then overcast. Visibility very good, then hazier, later poor in rain.	Glimpses of sun mostly toward east. Quite hazy, visibility poor where in rain.
How Cold? (at 700m)	6 to 8C. Feeling like -5C or later colder as wind speeds increase.	6 or 7C. Wind chill making it feel like -5 to -8C.
And in the valleys	10C from dawn, rising to 14C afternoon.	9 to 11C, small change all day.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 3 October, 2025

Mild and humid southwesterlies bring prolonged heavy rain to western Scotland late this week where streams will be fast-flowing, flooding developing. Wet underfoot most western areas. A couple of fast-moving low pressure systems late this week - gales increasingly during Thursday, then after a brief lull early Friday, a more intense system bringing increasingly stormy conditions by later Friday, continuing into Saturday. Dropping much cooler during Saturday, to freezing on higher Scottish summits. Showery and windy conditions easing only gradually into Sunday. Changeable westerlies continue next week for Scotland, high pressure builds at times further south.

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