

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

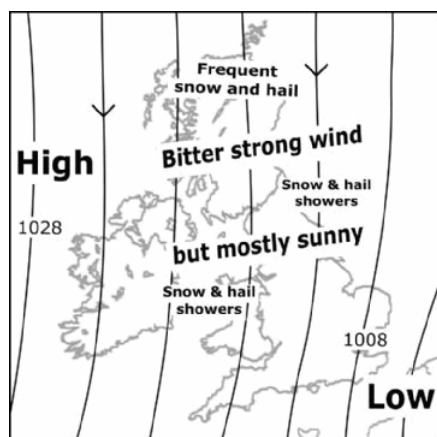
The entire Yorkshire Dales National Park and North Pennines AONB, including the Three Peaks and Cross Fell, plus Howgills, also south to Forest of Bowland.



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General Summary for Wednesday, 19 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 19 November, 2025

Strong to gale-force northerly winds; severe chill factor on the mountains. Terrain widely frozen with fresh snow cover. Snow and hail showers frequent in the northern Highlands. Showers also north/west Wales. From the central Highlands into northern England, generally dry with sunshine and very clear air.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Bitterly cold; wind to near-gale force. Sun, patchy cloud, rare snow.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 19 November, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Northerly 25 to 35mph, to 40mph over higher North Pennines, 45mph around dawn.
Effect of wind on you?	Affecting comfortable walking on exposed terrain, balance challenging in places, more difficult at first; significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Most places dry, rare snow showers Local snow flurries or showers coming in from the north to affect more eastern areas at times mainly morning, but much of the region likely staying dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any Patchy cloud may graze higher slopes mainly toward the northeast Pennines, but elsewhere largely clear.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%, to above 90% western dales.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine frequent many areas, some cloud at times further northeast. Visibility mostly excellent.
How Cold? (at 700m)	-3C. Wind chill feeling like -15C.
And in the valleys	Near/below freezing from dawn into morning and soon again from dusk. Reaching max 2 or 3C early afternoon.

	Thursday 20 November	Friday 21 November
How windy? (On the summits)	Northerly 30 to 40mph, risk at times 50mph higher Pennines; tending to ease slightly during day.	West later southwesterly, strengthening during daytime - some uncertainty of timing - 15 to 30mph, risk later 40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging walking conditions, frequent buffeting, significant wind chill, possibly severe higher tops.	Fairly small morning, but expect increasing wind chill to develop, conditions likely deteriorating after dark.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk local snow showers Occasional snow flurries or showers coming in from the north, largely confined to eastern North Pennines, but may drift further south at times afternoon.	Precipitation unlikely until night Most likely all daytime dry. Into night, risk patchy rain developing from west, snow on higher terrain for a time.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly clear Patchy cloud drifting over higher slopes mainly toward the northeast Pennines, occasional fragments on tops elsewhere, but western hills largely clear.	Likely none Hills likely clear all day. Toward dusk, some patches may drift onto tops in western Yorks Dales.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally sunny in west, some cloud at times further east/northeast. Visibility mostly excellent.	Sun through high cloud, tending to thicken from west, may become obscured later. Visibility excellent, possible mist or haze in some valleys.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	-2C. Wind chill feeling like -15C, risk near -20C on highest tops in stronger speeds. Near freezing from dawn and soon again from dusk. Briefly up to max 4C early afternoon.	-1C, slight rise to around 0C afternoon, then +2C into night. If wind increases, feeling near -10C. Well below freezing around dawn, slow rise to 2 or 3C afternoon, but then little change or slight rise further into night.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 20 November, 2025

Prepare for winter conditions - snow covering many mountains to lower slopes in Scotland, snow and ice cover varied for England & Wales, but much terrain frozen; hard frosts into inland valleys and glens the next couple of nights. Continuing strong northerlies into Thursday, showery snow and hail gradually fading from northwest Scotland. A front moving into Scotland from the west on Friday brings gales and snow, turning to rain lower down - in England & Wales more likely develops Friday evening-night. Less cold into the weekend, but higher mountains stay near or just below freezing, particularly Scotland; showers or locally more frequent upland snow over several days forward.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Tuesday, 18 November, 2025

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