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Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

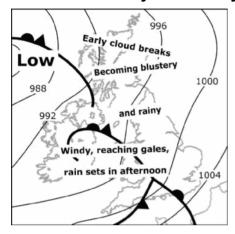
The entire Yorkshire Dales National Park and North Pennines AONB, including the Three Peaks and Cross Fell, plus Howgills, also south to Forest of Bowland.





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General Summary for Sunday, 7 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 7 December, 2025

Patchy rain in western areas early, drier east though lots of cloud over summits; some clear tops central and south Pennines. Winds soon begin to strengthen widely, quickest in Wales and reaching gale force here afternoon. Rain also arrives from the west afternoon, spreading widely into evening.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Some clear fells early; becoming blustery and rainy

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 7 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	South-southwesterly from dawn 15-20mph, trending southeasterly and gradually rising, reaching 30-35mph afternoon with strong gusts over the tops. Shifting west-southwesterly after dark and strengthening further with gusts reaching 50mph+.	
Effect of wind on you?	Expect increasingly blustery conditions, through the day, more arduous walking developing over exposed tops with marked wind chill. Conditions deteriorate further after dark.	
How wet?	Rain arrives afternoon, setting in into evening	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry through morning, a few drizzly spots here and there, mostly western fells. Patchy rain becomes more frequent through afternoon, gradually setting in and spreading widely into evening with local heavy falls.	
Cloud on the hills?	Patchy, some breaks, becoming extensive	
	Varied banks mostly western hills in morning, a chance of breaks for a time, particularly North Pennines. Forming widely over hills through afternoon as rain develops, later to lower slopes west.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	50% for a few early hours, reducing to 10%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally cloudy, possibly good visibility for a time in morning with some glimpses of weak sun, but reducing to poor as rain moves in.	
How Cold? (at 700m)	5 or 6C, small variation with added height. Yorkshire Dales seeing a rise to 7C for a few afternoon hours, lowering again into nighttime. Feeling like -5C or possibly colder if exposed to stronger wind.	
And in the valleys	7 to 9C, small change night into day.	

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Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Monday 8 December	Tuesday 9 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 30 to 40mph, speed likely to fluctuate with strongest gusts over tops reaching up to 50mph. Strenuous walking, at time arduous, in exposure all day, considerable buffeting and marked wind chill. Some variability.	Southerly 35-45mph, rising to a gusty 55-65mph and shifting southwesterly, risk stronger afternoon. Conditions soon difficult over exposed high terrain, you may struggle to stay on your feet during gusts. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Occasional rain	Persistent rain trends showery afternoon
(Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy showery rain, most common western Yorks Dales; briefly heavier and more widespread for a few early hours.	Persistent and often heavy rain through morning. Trending towards showery rain afternoon, though remaining quite persistent on western Yorks Dales. Beware fast-rising streams.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly tops western Dales	Extensive
	Likely to drift onto higher slopes, most frequently from Ingleborough to Howgills, some patches elsewhere, but more often clearing the tops as the day goes.	Blanket cloud shrouds the fells from middle slopes upward most of the day, down to some lower slopes in the western Yorks Dales to Tebay. Some variability with lifting bases later in the day but unlikely clearing the summits.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mostly east and northeast areas. Visibility often good, reduced locally in showers west.	Overcast and dull. Poor visibility.
How Cold? (at 700m)	5C, a slow rise after dark. If exposed to stronger winds, risk feeling like -7C on high tops.	10 or 11C most of the day. Cooler around dawn and into night with sharp changes. Feeling like -3C where exposed to wind.
And in the valleys	8C from dawn, rising to 10C.	7C at and before dawn, rising to 12C for much of the day.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 8 December, 2025

Generally unsettled into the week with areas of low pressure moving in from the Atlantic on prevailing southwesterly winds. Temperatures relatively mild, higher tops in the Highlands intermittently just below freezing point; expect periods of thawing even up to these tops. Day-to-day weather detail will be uncertain even in short-range as complex systems develop - a series of frontal systems bringing spells of rain, at times more widespread and heavy - any snowfall mostly confined to highest tops in Scotland; also showers at times with hail mostly near western coasts. Wind speeds will also vary, often blustery with periods of gales or severe gales on tops, but local lulls too.

Forecast issued at 16:18 on Saturday, 6 December, 2025

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