

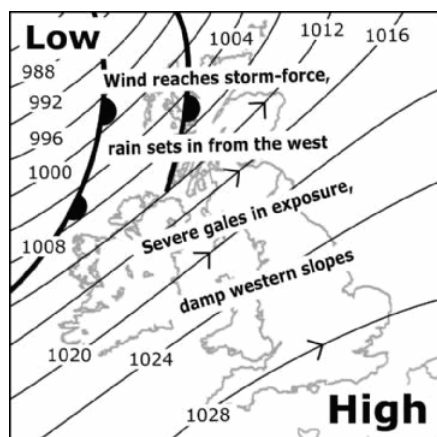
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Saturday, 13 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 December, 2025

Increasingly severe conditions Scottish Highlands: gusty storm-force winds on high terrain and becoming wet from the west. Gales in England and Wales, severe from Snowdonia towards Lakeland/north Pennines; drizzly rain on western slopes, patches drifting east. Driest south Pennines.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Wind strengthens, severe gales in exposure; local drizzle west

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 13 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 30-40mph from dawn, may be locally lighter southern Yorks Dales. Soon strengthening, reaching a gusty 45-60mph, always strongest towards the north with risk stronger gusts here into evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Increasingly challenging walking conditions, mobility becoming difficult on higher exposed tops in the north with severe gusts; significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain/drizzle on some west fells Patchy spots of rain or drizzle, may be often damp Ingleton to Howgills area, though total rainfall small. Late in the day, some patchy rain in the N Pennines, spreading more widely into nighttime.
Cloud on the hills?	Most persistent western areas Varied banks of cloud, but may linger over tops in western Dales. May also cap higher North Pennines, but cloud base typically higher north and eastwards, above tops for periods.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% west, to 60% north/east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Early sun, though high cloud thickening, soonest north, mostly cloudy by dusk. Hazy western dales, visibility reduced in rain, but more often good north/eastward.
How Cold? (at 700m)	3 or 4C, rising a degree towards dusk, further rising into nighttime. Wind chill feeling around -10C.
And in the valleys	4C or locally cooler at dawn, rising to 7C by evening, further rising into nighttime.

	Sunday 14 December	Monday 15 December
How windy? (On the summits)	A gusty southwesterly, sustained winds between 45-55mph, may strengthen further over the high tops.	Southwesterly 25-35mph from dawn, an easing trend north and may drop below 15mph. Remaining near 25mph south.
Effect of wind on you?	Strong gusty winds will challenge balance and stability all day, including less exposed slopes. Significant wind chill.	Winds uncomfortable most of the day on southern fells; more variable north with a chance of effects becoming small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Often raining west, sometimes east Frequent or persistent drizzly rain drifting onto western fells from Ingleborough to Tebay, may set in for periods. Also raining in the northernmost N Pennines. Patches drift east but also dry periods here.	Mostly west fells, may be widespread Detail uncertain: Frequent or persistent rain most of the day around the Three Peaks/Tebay. May spread more widely at times or extensively.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, locally better east fells Cloud shrouded the high tops likely all day. Lowest bases in western Yorks Dales, locally 400-500m during rain. Cross Fell group may see low bases as well. Higher eastern fells of Yorks Dales with some breaks to tops.	Fairly extensive A blanket of cloud shrouds most fells from middle slopes up most or all day, lowest bases from Three Peaks to Tebay. Some higher breaks eastern N Pennines, though this uncertain.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	No sunshine expected. Often dull with poor visibility west, better during clear periods east.	Little sunshine expected. Visibility may be largely poor if rain is widespread.
How Cold? (at 700m)	6 or 7C. Feeling like -5C in direct wind.	5C. Feeling as cold as -5C in direct wind early.
And in the valleys	8 or 9C with little change through the day.	7C, little change all day but may become cooler northernmost fells later.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 14 December, 2025

A brief spell of drier-brighter weather on Tuesday, but otherwise staying unsettled into next week as southwesterly winds prevail and low pressure systems pass to the northwest of Scotland; sustained gales over the mountains, severe or stormy for periods. Bands of rain will regularly pass eastward across most areas, showery in the west between wetter spells with hail at times. Expect very wet ground conditions and further flooding of streams and some rivers. Mild for the time of year, temperatures only just below freezing intermittently on higher Scottish tops, even here will experience spells above freezing with thawing, any lying snow patchy, but beware some icy surfaces on the very highest tops where some refreezing occurs. Detail becomes very uncertain after next weekend though temperatures likely to drop.

Forecast issued at 16:14 on Friday, 12 December, 2025

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