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Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

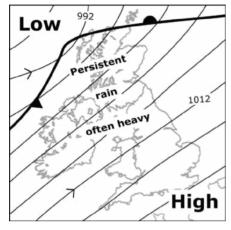
The entire Yorkshire Dales National Park and North Pennines AONB, including the Three Peaks and Cross Fell, plus Howgills, also south to Forest of Bowland.





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General Summary for Sunday, 14 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 14 December, 2025

Extensive rain, sustained heavy falls over many western mountains, expect flooding. Smaller amounts of rain toward the N/E Cairngorms, also S/E Wales and Peak District. Widespread gales, powerful gusts around high tops, locally downslope to east. Blanket cloud across hills, lowest in west.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Gales, severe in places. Wettest in western Yorks Dales.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 14 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly, 45-55mph, gusty 60-65mph high tops particularly North Pennines; tending to strengthen during the daytime, reaching 70mph and onward into evening and first part of night.		
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous conditions over the fells. Strong gusty winds will challenge balance and stability all day, including less exposed slopes. Significant wind chill.		
How wet?	Often raining west, some heavy; less wet in east		
(Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent or persistent rain western fells from Ingleborough to Tebay, setting in heavier for periods. Also often raining in the northernmost N Pennines. Patches drift east, but sometimes fading out. Western areas very wet underfoot, streams rising to be in spate.		
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, locally better east fells		
	Cloud shrouds the high tops likely all day. Lowest bases in western Yorks Dales, often 400-500m during rain. Cross Fell group often covered above 600m. Cloud sometimes lifting above higher eastern fells of Yorks Dales.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%		
Sunshine?	No sunshine expected.		
Air clarity (below cloud)	Often dull with poor visibility west, better during clear periods east.		
How Cold? (at 700m)	6 or 7C, only small change with altitude. Feeling like -5C in direct wind.		
And in the valleys	8 or 9C with little change through the day.		

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Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Monday 15 December	Tuesday 16 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 25-35mph from dawn, an easing trend north and may drop below 15mph. Remaining near 25mph south.	West to southwesterly 15 to 20mph, at times 25mph higher North Pennines.
Effect of wind on you?	Winds uncomfortable most of the day Yorks Dales NP; more variable north, may become small.	Fairly small, blustery in places in exposure and feeling chilly over higher terrain.
How wet?	Mostly west fells, may be widespread	Rain unlikely
(Precipitation and its impact)	Some uncertainty: Frequent or persistent rain most of the day around the Three Peaks/Tebay, but risk fairly persistent widely, smallest amounts northeastern areas. Very wet underfoot, some flooding.	Small chance remnants of overnight rain up to dawn, clearing eastwards. Very wet underfoot following previous heavy rain, particularly western dales, streams in spate, flooding.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive	Mostly little, local patches
	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.	Some patchy cloud may graze higher fells at times, but many tops often clear. Possible mist some valleys, mainly morning.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Visibility mostly poor due to rain.	A veil of high cloud may thin to reveal some sun. Visibility excellent out of cloud.
How Cold? (at 700m)	5C. Feeling as cold as -5C in direct wind early.	2 or 3C. Feeling like -5C directly in the wind.
And in the valleys	7C, little change all day but may become cooler northernmost fells later.	Slight frost sheltered valleys in morning. Rising to max 6 or 7C.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 15 December, 2025

Prolonged rain will leave flooding of streams and rivers in many mountain areas early in the new week, with the exception of northeastern Scotland. A frontal system will eventually pass eastwards Monday-Tuesday, wind easing; dropping to freezing above 900m, beware of ice forming on higher Scottish mountains. Drier conditions for many on Tuesday, though showery near west coast of Scotland. By Wednesday, another system sweeps in from the Atlantic bringing further rain and gales. A risk of more heavy rain particularly England and Wales later in the week. A change of weather pattern is likely in the run up to Christmas, as high pressure builds northward, bringing drier weather, possibly chillier with time.

Forecast issued at 16:16 on Saturday, 13 December, 2025

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