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Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

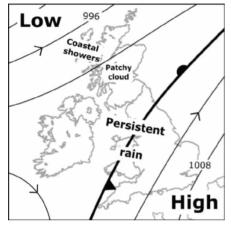
The entire Yorkshire Dales National Park and North Pennines AONB, including the Three Peaks and Cross Fell, plus Howgills, also south to Forest of Bowland.





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General Summary for Monday, 15 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 15 December, 2025

A slow-moving area of rain affects England and Wales, heavy falls over south-facing hills, flooding likely. Drier for much of Scotland, though some showers affect the west coast; beware flooding after previous rain. Back just below freezing over higher Munros, some icy surfaces on tops.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Rain much of day, low cloud; wind dropping light.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 15 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 25-35mph from dawn, an easing trend, dropping to 10-20mph, soonest northern areas.		
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery in the morning with locally uncomfortable gusts, lessening to become fairly small.		
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain widely, most persistent Yorks Dales Frequent or persistent rain most of the day much of Yorks Dales NP, heaviest southwest areas, but often raining widely, smallest amounts northeastern Pennines. Fading gradually evening into night. Very wet underfoot, some flooding.		
Cloud on the hills? Fairly extensive, lowest southwest			
	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 North Pennines, particularly northeast areas.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	10% southwest, to 40% north		
Sunshine?	Overcast and dull.		
Air clarity (below cloud)	Visibility mostly poor due to rain.		
How Cold? (at 700m)	5C. Feeling as cold as -5C in direct wind early.		
And in the valleys	7C, little change all day but may become cooler northernmost fells later.		

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Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 16 December	Wednesday 17 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	West to southwesterly 15 to 20mph, at times 25mph higher North Pennines. Fairly small, blustery in places in exposure and feeling chilly over higher terrain.	South-southwesterly 40 to 50mph, risk 60mph N Pennines, local powerful gusts north of higher summits. Challenging conditions over the fells, walking difficult in places higher up, sudden buffeting to some mid-slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain not expected Dry all daytime. Very wet underfoot following previous heavy	Rain most of day west Rain moving in from west soon from dawn, setting in persistently over western Yorks
	rain, particularly western dales, streams in spate, flooding.	Dales, some heavy falls; patchier further east and northeast.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly little, local patches	Soon extensive
	Some patchy cloud may graze higher fells at times, but many tops often clear. Possible mist some valleys, mainly morning.	Lowering in morning to blanket most hills, from mid-to-lower slopes in western Dales up to Tebay. Higher bases north/east, but rarely above the tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A veil of high cloud thins to reveal some sun. Visibility excellent out of cloud.	Overcast, increasingly murky.
How Cold? (at 700m)	2 or 3C. Feeling like -5C directly in the wind.	2C rising during day to 5C. Feeling like -8 to -12C directly in the wind.
And in the valleys	Slight frost sheltered valleys in morning. Rising to max 6 or 7C.	3C at dawn, slight frost some valleys. Rising to 7 or 8C.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 16 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. As a front clears Monday into Tuesday it will drop 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 16:00 on Sunday, 14 December, 2025

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