

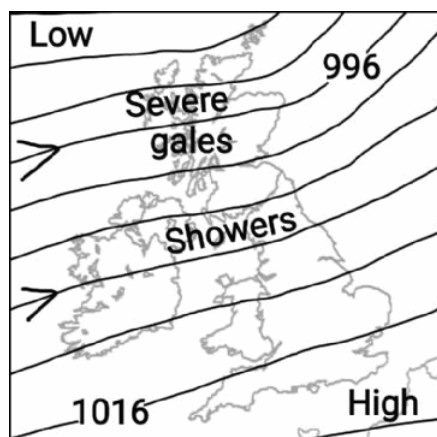
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Friday, 19 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 19 December, 2025

Southwesterly gales, severe across the Highlands, giving significant wind chill and showers. Showers frequent western Scotland, with snow falling down to 800m with hail and risk lightning. Scattered showers for England and Wales where hill fog confined to western tops.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Widespread gales with scattered showers and feeling cold. Sun best in the east.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 19 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 45 to 60mph, tending to lessen a little during day.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult conditions over higher fells, frequent buffeting from modest elevations upward. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers mostly west, hail Scattered showers, most common western Yorks Dales in morning, with hail, possibly snow on highest tops in N Pennines. Tending to fade during afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Breaks to many tops Patchy cloud grazing higher tops, most often western Yorks Dales in morning, lifting above most tops for periods.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun most frequent east/northeast, patchy sun western Dales. Visibility often very good, reduced in showers.
How Cold? (at 700m)	2 or 3C. Feeling like -12C directly in the wind.
And in the valleys	4C from dawn, rising to 7C afternoon.

	Saturday 20 December	Sunday 21 December
How windy? (On the summits)	South to south-easterly 20 to 30mph, perhaps exceeding 35mph for a time westernmost hills.	Easterly 20 to 30mph, may increase to 30 to 40mph
Effect of wind on you?	A very blustery and gusty airflow, arduous towards west coast especially, with considerable buffeting and wind chill.	Very blustery, gusty winds, with sudden, strong gusts running downslope from ridges and passes. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain, mainly west. Patchy rain, mainly across the western dales as a front edges in from the west. Little if any elsewhere.	Rain on and off, may set in later. Patches of rain or drizzle. Likely to become frequent or constant, as the day wears on, from the south.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive in the west Likely to cover the hills fairly extensively in the west. Occasional breaks. More broken cloud bases at times in the east where mainly just capping tops at times.	Widespread Hill fog will very likely be extensive across the hills through the day. Best of any breaks will be toward the west coast.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% west, 70% east.	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A little weak sun possible should cloud layers thin, mostly likely in the east. Visibility good or very good, but poor in any rain.	Extensively dull. Visibility perhaps good at times, but marked haze and poor when in rain.
How Cold? (at 700m)	3 or 4C	Around 2 or 3C
And in the valleys	5 to 7C	Maximum temperature 5 to 7C

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 20 December, 2025

A switch to east-southeasterly winds by Sunday into early next week, some residual rain and high-level snow, but a drier and colder theme develops into the Christmas period and perhaps into the New Year, as high pressure builds to the north and northeast. An extensive cloud sheet will likely come in from the North Sea over many days with light snow showers or flurries likely, rain to lower slopes, but many areas dry. Best breaks in the west.

Forecast issued at 16:26 on Thursday, 18 December, 2025

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