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Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

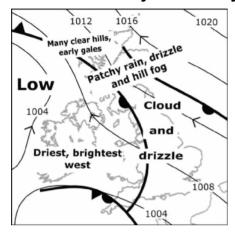
The entire Yorkshire Dales National Park and North Pennines AONB, including the Three Peaks and Cross Fell, plus Howgills, also south to Forest of Bowland.





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General Summary for Sunday, 21 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 21 December, 2025

A blustery, gusty morning in northern England and Scotland, gales for a time in northwest Scotland, tending to ease. Patchy rain from central Scotland down the spine of the Pennines eases into drizzle over the high tops, drizzle in east Wales too with extensive hill fog in these areas. Best of breaks west Wales and NW Highlands.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Blustery early, easing; hill fog and some drizzle

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 21 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 25-30mph early, stronger winds around dawn with the strongest gusts reaching up to 40mph pre-dawn over the high western fells. Soon easing to 20-25mph.		
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery and gusty over the high tops much of the day with significant wind chill. Effects tending to ease though gusty winds remaining uncomfortable in exposure.		
How wet?	Morning patchy rain, then some drizzle over the summits		
(Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain in the morning will tend to ease. Fine drizzle drifting around the high summits in fog afternoon.		
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive		
	Hill fog will very likely be extensive across the hills through the day. Best of any breaks will be towards the Vale of Eden.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%		
Sunshine?	Overcast and dull.		
Air clarity (below cloud)	Visibility poor due to cloud and drizzle, though better below the cloud on westernmost slopes.		
How Cold? (at 700m)	Around 3 or 4C. Little change with added height. Warming slightly later overnight hours.		
And in the valleys	3 or 4C from dawn, coolest in the N Pennines. Rising to 6C and staying elevated, N Pennines slowest to see temperature rise.		

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Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Monday 22 December	Tuesday 23 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 15 to 25mph; stronger early in the day, risk gusts of 35mph over tops.	Variable 10-15mph, trending northeasterly later and strengthening slightly.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery at times with marked wind chill where exposed to the wind, most notably early in the day.	Mostly small.
How wet?	Early rain and drizzle, trending drier	Often dry
(Precipitation and its impact)	Overnight rain becomes well-broken soon after dawn to only local patches of drizzly rain in the North Pennines. Eastern Yorks Dales may see continues rain for a few more morning hours.	Some patches of light rain here and there, greatest chance in the North Pennines; many fells stay dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, highest bases west	Fairly extensive
	Fairly extensive over the high fells with sheet-like cloud down eastern slopes at times. Local higher breaks may occur, but these likely fleeting.	Extensive over the high fells most of the day; lower banks likely, including into valley bottoms early in the day. Bases may be higher near the Vale of Eden.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Visibility improves as rain breaks through morning though also becoming hazy.	Some glimpses of sunshine possible around the Vale of Eden, otherwise cloudy. Visibility limited by fog and haze.
How Cold? (at 700m)	3 or 4C, warmest from Tebay to the Cross Fell group, rising to 5C.	3 or 4C, cooling several degrees dusk into night.
And in the valleys	Up to 7C in the valleys	4 to 5C most of the day - may start a degree warmer in the North Pennines.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 22 December, 2025

Cloud and patchy rain lingers for a few more days early next week, then a slow change to drier and chiller weather into the Christmas period as high pressure builds to the north. Easterly winds will be dominant, the strongest winds in England and Wales. Cloud may be fairly sheet-like in the east sometimes, though variably more extensive or broken.

The coldest air will reach England and Wales on the easterly wind with freezing levels reaching as low as 400-600m in Wales, staying slightly warmer in northern Scotland with freezing levels nearer the high summits for a time under the core of high pressure.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Saturday, 20 December, 2025

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