

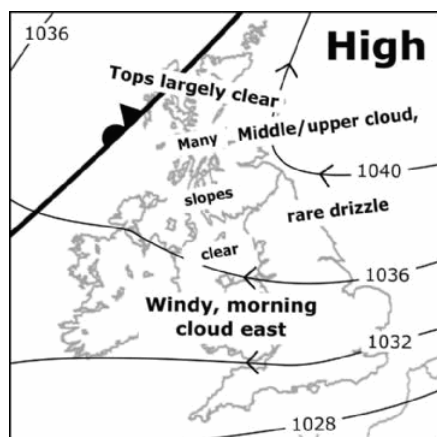
# Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Wednesday, 24 December, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 24 December, 2025**

Patchy cloud on middle and high slopes of central and east Scottish Highlands, clearer west and north; high summits clear too. Most cloud in England stays east of the Pennines, little west including Lakeland where isolated to summits. Gusty wind in Wales, risk gales south; early cloud in the east will break.

### Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Blustery; most cloud northeast, most fells clear

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 24 December, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Easterly 25-30mph, strongest winds in the south where gusts may reach 35-40mph over the high tops, greatest risk in the morning.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking becoming strenuous in exposure, particularly southern areas where buffeting will challenge stability; significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Likely dry</b> A small chance of a few odd patches of drizzle drifting onto easternmost slopes, greatest chance early; most fells stay dry.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Passing caps on the high tops, mostly north</b> Cloud banks will drift over the high tops from time to time, but the fells often clear too, perhaps widely clear Yorks Dales NP.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy or intermittent sunshine, best on western fells; some high cloud around. Very good visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>	0 or +1C, lowering slightly from evening into nighttime. Feeling like -10C in strongest direct wind.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	1 or 2C from dawn, rising to 3C, locally warmer in dales in direct sunshine.

	Thursday 25 December	Friday 26 December
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Easterly 25-35mph, strongest southern Yorks Dales NP with gusts reaching 40mph, including downslope gusts.	Easterly 20 to 30mph, stronger gusts around some high tops; locally also gusty downslope western side of Pennines.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Comfort of walking affected, becoming strenuous in exposure on southern fells.</b> <b>Significant wind chill.</b>	<b>Blustery with considerable wind chill in exposure over the fells, in places sudden buffeting gusts not just on the summits.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Most fells dry</b> Some fine drizzle where in cloud in the eastern N Pennines, may linger for much of the day.	<b>Precipitation rare if any</b> Chance of brief snow grains mainly eastern North Pennines, light rain spots lower down.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Morning cloud lifts, clearing many summits</b>  Cloud over the high fells at dawn with some lower banks on eastern slopes, these lifting to largely above 700m, many summits clearing.	<b>Mostly high tops and in north/east</b>  Cloud banks coming in from the east may persist across higher slopes in North Pennines, base 600m. Occasional patches drifting west and southwest to cap high tops at times, but often clearing.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Soon rising to 80%</b>	<b>40% northeast, to 70% elsewhere.</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Often cloudy, though patchy sun breaks most frequent west Yorks Dales NP. Excellent visibility, some early haze.	Fairly cloudy all day most eastern areas, dull but visibility good below cloud. Some sun breaking through west, visibility excellent here.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>	-1 or 0C. Feeling as cold as -13C in strongest wind.	0C, small variation with height. Feeling like -10C directly in the stronger wind.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	1C from dawn, only rising slightly, locally 3C in sunny south-facing dales.	Near 0C from dawn, frost in sheltered spots. Reaching max 3 or 4C.

## Planning Outlook

**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 25 December, 2025**

Christmas Day will be dry: easterly winds are dominant, strongest in England and Wales and most cloud east of the high tops: may be fairly sheet-like sometimes, though variably more extensive or broken, best of sun breaks in western areas. Turning cooler too, the coldest air in England and Wales with freezing levels reaching as low as 300-600m in east Wales, though poorly defined.

High pressure stays put to the north into the weekend, maintaining dry weather, easterly winds, and mixed cloud and sunshine, most of the cloud in eastern areas. Temperatures will be variable, becoming milder for a time in England and Wales, with poorly defined freezing levels.

**Forecast issued at 15:44 on Tuesday, 23 December, 2025**

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