

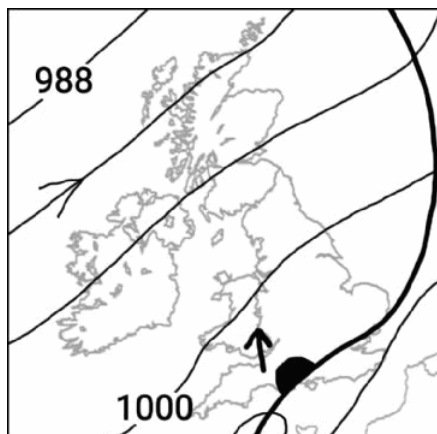
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Thursday, 15 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 January, 2026

Blustery and chilly south-westerly winds bringing occasional snow and hail showers, most prevalent across the west Highlands. Rain falling below 500m. Drier for England and Wales, but risk of marked deterioration later for southern and eastern Wales as rain and summit snow edges in from the south.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Blustery south-west winds, later easing. A few showers, snow tops.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 15 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 25 to perhaps in morning 30mph. There may then be a pronounced lull later.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly fairly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Isolated showers Isolated showers of rain, hail and above 700m snow showers, mostly across western Dales.
Cloud on the hills?	Capping western tops. clearer elsewhere. Highest fell tops in west almost always cloud covered. Further east across the dales and for the North Pennines, higher cloud bases, only occasional on tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40% in west, 60% in east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sun. Visibility generally excellent, but poor in any showers.
How Cold? (at 700m)	1C
And in the valleys	5 or 6C in the afternoon.

	Friday 16 January	Saturday 17 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Low confidence in detail: Northwesterly 35-45mph at first light, highest in the east, but soon southwesterly 20-25mph.	South-easterly 10 to 20mph, perhaps 25mph towards the west coast.
Effect of wind on you?	Legacy of overnight low giving an arduous start to the day, but soon easing as low pulls quickly away into North Sea.	Mostly small, but a marked chill where exposed to the strongest breeze.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Any residual rain/snow clearing the east. The legacy of overnight rain and snow will have cleared to the east by dawn, or soon will do after dawn. Then mostly dry, bar isolated showers.	Occasional light drizzle or snow grains Occasional spots of fine drizzle or snow from the low cloud.
Cloud on the hills?	Improving, but may not clear some tops. Be prepared for extensive hill fog at first should after the legacy of overnight rain and snow clears to the east from first light. Bases then lifting and breaking, but may not clear tops.	Fairly extensive from lower slopes up Fairly extensive banks of low cloud from lower slopes up, with fog right down into some of the valleys. Limited breaks, perhaps some between cloud layers.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Lifting to 60%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brightening up after a cloudy start. Visibility would be widely very poor in any early rain and snow, in the east. Otherwise, very good.	Extensive dull with mist and murk, concentrated over eastern Dales. Visibility best in the west.
How Cold? (at 700m)	1C, but 0C at dawn.	1 or 2C
And in the valleys	Lifting to 4 or 5C	0 to 2C at dawn, coldest inland northern valleys, lifting to 3 or 4C.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 16 January, 2026

A small scale low will pull away early on Friday morning to the North Sea to leave drier and chilly conditions into the weekend with a south to south-easterly airflow developing. Looking further ahead, a colder continental influence may be drawn in on south to east winds, but the extent of this is uncertain. The snow pack across the Scottish Highlands will be enhanced by further spells of snowfall where fronts edge in from the west, whilst for England and Wales snow accumulating on the hills at times, perhaps in the form of showers from the east.

Forecast issued at 8:45 on Thursday, 15 January, 2026

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