

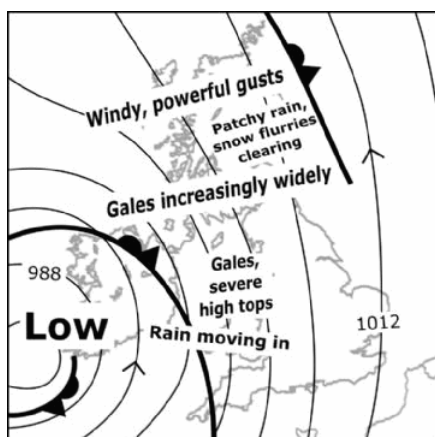
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Tuesday, 20 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 January, 2026

Strong southeasterlies, gusting gale-force Scottish mountains, strengthening widely. Gales all day for Wales, severe on high tops, increasingly northern England also. Some light rain and hill snow flurries, mostly eastern Scotland, fading with rising cloud base. Heavier rain develops in south Wales.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Windy, becoming gales. Cloud rising and breaking.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 20 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 25 to 40mph in morning, strengthening toward 50mph afternoon; gusty in places around higher tops and downslope toward western side of Pennines.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking over most higher terrain, becoming increasingly arduous; gusts affecting balance in places. Marked wind chill, more significant later.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	A little rain in morning Patchy areas of light rain moving northwards early morning, fading out to become dry then onward until night, when eventually some rain then arrives from south.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive morning, lifting Covering most fells in morning, to some mid-slopes in south, higher bases northwards, rising and breaking above many tops onward into the afternoon, some patches may drift over eastern tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% south, widely 70% afternoon.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy start, sun breaking through in west, more widely with time, but a veil of high cloud tending to build from southwest. Visibility mostly good.
How Cold? (at 700m)	2 or 3C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C.
And in the valleys	5C from dawn, rising to 8C.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 21 January	Thursday 22 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 30 to 50mph, speed likely to vary during the day.	Easterly 40 to 50mph, stronger gusts in places around high tops and downslope to west of the Pennines.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking often arduous over exposed terrain, at times gusts knocking you off balance. Significant wind chill.	Challenging conditions, difficult in exposure and gusts knocking you off balance not just on tops. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain, risk frequent Rain on and off, may be fairly persistent for periods, sleet or wet snow falling at times on higher North Pennines.	Rain and sleet mostly north/east Rain fairly persistent over the north and eastern Pennines, falling as sleet or freezing rain on higher terrain, may become snow. Patchier toward western Yorks Dales.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Covering most high terrain, from 400-500m up in eastern areas, higher bases westwards, but rarely above high tops.	Fairly extensive higher areas Covering higher slopes much of the day above 500-600m, some higher breaks toward the Howgills and Vale of Eden.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, poor visibility in rain, locally better at times west.	Overcast and dull. Poor visibility many hills, locally better westwards, but rather hazy.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	1C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C where exposed on higher areas. 4 to 6C, small variation night into day.	1 or 2C, likely to drop to 0C, particularly North Pennines. Wind chill feels as cold as -15C. Small change around 5C night into day, may drop colder northeastern areas.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 21 January, 2026

Strong east to southeasterlies continue beyond midweek, sustained gales over most mountains with powerful gusts downslope toward west. Near or just below freezing on higher tops - colder air is likely to move into Scotland at least late in the week, much mountain terrain then frozen with severe chill factor. Scope for substantial snowfalls over eastern Scottish hills later this week. Sleet or snow mostly higher tops in England and Wales, may fall lower over the weekend. Low cloud often covering many hills across Britain, clearer and drier toward western coasts. Circulating low pressure and cold air likely into next week, with further snowfalls likely.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Monday, 19 January, 2026

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