

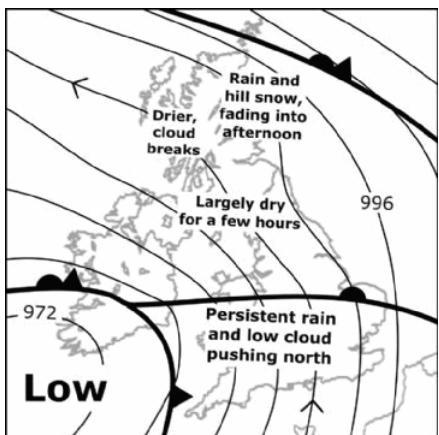
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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, 21 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 January, 2026

Rain and hill snow in eastern Scotland in the morning tends to ease off; largely dry toward west. E-SE'ly gales in north, lower wind speeds S & W Highlands, but increasing again later.

In England & Wales, upland gales all day, rain and initially snow on tops extending north, becoming milder from the south.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Gales developing. Dry morning, cloud breaks; rain later.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 21 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 20-30mph early morning, but tending to strengthen quickly, reaching 40mph middle of day into afternoon, becoming 50mph high tops, powerful gusts developing, including downslope to west.
Effect of wind on you?	Moderate conditions at first, but walking increasing arduous over exposed terrain, into afternoon gusts knocking you off balance. Significant wind chill developing.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Dry morning, rain develops afternoon onward A little rain up to dawn, snow flurries high tops, but soon largely dry for several hours through morning into middle of day. Pulses of rain spreading from south into afternoon, becoming persistent and heavier later, by then rain up to the tops.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied, breaks west Areas of low cloud from dawn, mostly eastern areas where may linger over tops, but further northwest lifting and breaking toward or above many tops for several hours. Lowering cloud from south later afternoon onward.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% east, to 70% west until later afternoon.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloudy in east, some sun breaking through in western areas, best near Vale of Eden, visibility here good; high cloud then building from south to be overcast and hazier later.
How Cold? (at 700m)	1C, then rising to 3 or 4C after dark. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C where exposed on higher areas.
And in the valleys	4 to 6C, small variation night into day, but slightly milder onward into the evening.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 22 January	Friday 23 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 40 to 50mph, stronger gusts in places around high tops and downslope to west of the Pennines.	East-southeasterly 35 to 45mph, stronger gusts in places near and west of higher fells.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions, difficult in exposure and gusts knocking you off balance not just on tops. Significant wind chill.	Widely arduous conditions, challenging over northern fells where gusts will knock you off balance. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain north/east Rain fairly persistent over the north and eastern Pennines. Patchier toward western Yorks Dales.	Rain and sleet mostly north/east Rain fairly persistent over the north and eastern Pennines, falling as snow on high North Pennines, sleet or freezing rain further south. Rain patchier toward western Yorks Dales.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive higher areas Covering higher slopes much of the day above 500-600m, some higher breaks toward the Howgills and Vale of Eden.	Fairly extensive higher areas Covering higher slopes much of the day above 500-600m, oftentimes lower bases on eastern slopes. Some higher breaks toward the Howgills and Vale of Eden.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Poor visibility many hills, locally better westwards, but rather hazy.	Overcast and dull. Poor visibility many hills, locally better westwards, but rather hazy.
How Cold? (at 700m)	2C. Wind chill feels as cold as -15C.	1 or 2C. Slightly cooling later, to 0C north of Cross Fell/Teesdale. Wind chill feels as cold as -15C.
And in the valleys	Small change around 5C night into day, may drop colder northeastern areas.	2 or 3C from dawn, may locally rise to 4C but little change broadly.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 22 January, 2026**

Sustained gale force easterlies over most mountains later this week, powerful gusts downslope toward west; severe chill factor. Colder air and lowering freezing level moves into Scotland Thursday-Friday, much mountain terrain then frozen into the weekend and early next week. Substantial snowfalls over eastern Scottish hills later this week, drier to the west. Dropping just below freezing on high tops in England and Wales - a mix of rain and high level snow; colder further south over the weekend. Circulating low pressure and cold air into next week, with further snowfalls likely. Lower wind speeds early in the new week, but then likely increasing E-SE'ly again.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Tuesday, 20 January, 2026

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