

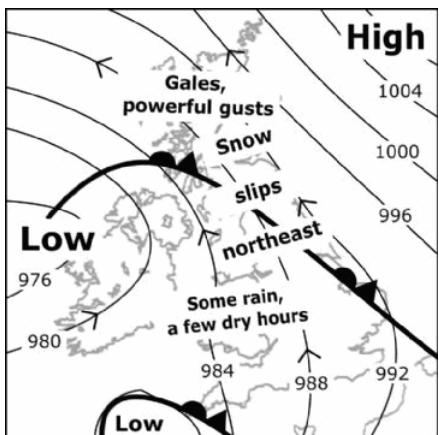
# Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Friday, 30 January, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 30 January, 2026**

Gales for northern England and Scotland all day with powerful gusts over tops and downslope to the northwest. Several hours of snow in these regions as well, passing from west-to-east with time, the snow level lifting to mid-slopes; northwest Scotland mostly dry and bright. Blustery in Wales, most of the rain south/east.

### Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Blustery, easing south; often snowing, breaking in the south

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 30 January, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southeasterly 35 to 40mph, strongest sustained speeds higher N Pennines, but gusty around high tops elsewhere. Trending towards 30mph with time, locally to 25mph Yorks Dales.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Strenuous walking much of the day, particularly in the north where buffeting will affect stability, particularly in the morning. Effects reduce in the south though wind always uncomfortable. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Often snowing, trending patchy in the south</b> Snow soon sets in from the south (sleet/rain on low slopes) consistently falling for several hours. Trending patchier from the south with time with the snow level rising, though N Pennines may continue to see regular snow into nighttime.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive</b> Shrouding most high terrain, lowest and most persistent cloud over south and eastern areas.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally cloudy, poor visibility most areas, near-whiteout conditions in the N Pennines during heaviest snow. Locally better toward Vale of Eden on lower slopes.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>	-1C, locally -2C N Pennines; rising gradually to around 0C, locally +1C Yorkshire Dales. Wind chill feeling around -10C, to -13C highest N Pennines tops.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	0 or -1C from dawn, rising to 3 or 4C afternoon, though staying cooler in the far north N Pennines, around +1C.

## Yorkshire Dales &amp; North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 31 January	Sunday 1 February
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Starting easterly 25-35mph, shifting south-southeasterly and easing to the lower end of the range.	Detail uncertain: speed and direction may often change, but generally southerly, 10-25mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking strenuous in exposure to start the day with wind chill, effects easing but wind likely remains uncomfortable.</b>	<b>May be fairly small at times, but be mindful of sudden changes in speed which may impede walking.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Patchy rain/drizzle</b> Patchy rain affecting the fells most or all day. A risk of broader areas of rain with local heavy bursts.	<b>Rain on-and-off</b> Patches of rain will come and go throughout the day, a few dry periods are possible, but always with a tendency to return.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive, bases may lift slightly later.</b>  A sheet of cloud shrouds the fells from 500-600m up from the morning, at times lower in precipitation. Bases becoming more variable with time, an increasing likelihood of higher bases and possible breaks, though uncertain.	<b>Fairly extensive though variable</b>  Cloud often shrouds high terrain, a few odd higher breaks may occur but also cloud filling in to lower slopes for periods.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Any sun unlikely. Often poor visibility due to rain, fog, and haze.	Largely cloudy, visibility variable, at times good but turning poor in rain, also some haze around.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>	1 or 2C. Feeling as cold as -8 to -10C in strongest direct wind.	2C, locally to 3C western Yorks Dales NP.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	3C from dawn, locally 2C N Pennines. locally rising to 4 or 5C afternoon.	2 or 3C from dawn, rising to around 5C.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 31 January, 2026**

Unsettled this weekend: often cloudy and patchy rain for most. Variable winds cause rapid local changes in cloud amounts, rain, and impact on walking. The freezing level may lift somewhat, isolating snowfalls to higher Scottish terrain. In the coming week, periods of precipitation and wind will affect most mountains at least every few days. Scottish Munros generally below freezing point, with snow cover and drifts most substantial from the Cairngorms to central and southern Highlands, some additional falls in the week ahead (with continued flooding risk too); much less precipitation northwestward. Hills in England and Wales may see a period of freezing levels above the summits as a southerly flow brings slightly milder air to the country. An indication of colder easterlies in February, though detail is very uncertain.

**Forecast issued at 15:56 on Thursday, 29 January, 2026**

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