

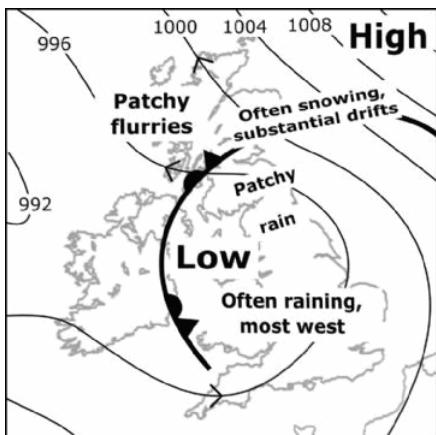
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Saturday, 31 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 31 January, 2026

Winter conditions on most high mountains; deep snow and large drifts in central/east Scotland, whiteout conditions in fog. Mostly dry NW Scotland. Morning rain in south Scotland and England trends patchy, often dry south Pennines. Often raining in Wales, most on western slopes. Freezing levels rise towards upper slopes.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Morning patchy rain largely clears for bright breaks; breezy

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 31 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 25-35mph, shifting south-southeasterly and easing towards around 25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking strenuous in exposure to start the day with wind chill, effects easing but wind likely remains uncomfortable.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain/drizzle, mostly morning Patchy rain drifts north through the morning, clearing many fells for several afternoon hours with only odd drizzly spots. Patches will return from the south with time later.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive early, breaks forming south. 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 high breaks, sometimes to summits, best chance in southern areas. Cloud returning more widely late in the day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloudy early in the day, sunny bursts arriving, most extensive in western Yorks Dales. Visibility poor to start due to fog and rain but improving, though a lingering haze.
How Cold? (at 700m)	2 or 3C. Feeling as cold as -8C in strongest direct wind.
And in the valleys	3C from dawn, locally 2C North Pennines. Rising to 4 or 5C afternoon, highest temperature in Yorks Dales NP.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 1 February	Monday 2 February
How windy? (On the summits)	South-southwesterly 10-20mph.	Southeasterly 20-25mph, gradually rising to 30-35mph by dusk, may rise further for several hours.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small.	Fairly small to start, winds increasingly uncomfortable, strenuous walking by dusk and feeling chilly.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain on-and-off Patches of rain will come and go throughout the day, a few dry periods are possible, but always with a tendency to return, most notable falls west.	Patchy rain Rain affecting many fells on-and-off, totals usually small, but a few heavier moments may befall eastern slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive though variable Cloud often shrouds high terrain, a few odd higher breaks may occur but also cloud filling in to lower slopes for periods.	Fairly extensive, breaks possible Mostly covering high terrain with bases regularly to middle slopes in the east; cloud amount will vary, with high breaks and possibly to summits.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, visibility variable, at times good but turning poor in rain, also some haze around.	Often cloudy but a few bright/sunny breaks here and there. Poor visibility and hazy east, better west of high fells.
How Cold? (at 700m)	2C.	1C, locally 0C in the far N Pennines. Feeling like -8 to -10C with time in the wind.
And in the valleys	2 or 3C from dawn, rising to around 5C.	1 or 2C from dawn, lifting to 3 or 4C.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 1 February, 2026**

Unsettled weather persists through the late weekend and into next week: a southerly flow is dominant through Monday, lifting freezing levels and bringing precipitation to most mountain groups through the early week. The Munros will likely stay below freezing; precipitation will continue to fall as snow on high terrain: snowdrifts from the Cairngorms to central and southern Highlands with a continued risk of flooding here. Gales are likely as well.

Southeasterly winds will tend to re-establish later in the week, lowering freezing levels and drawing cloud and precipitation into the Pennines and eastern Scotland, the snow level dropping to middle elevations with time. Cloud and precipitation more patchy in the west with the brightest skies northwest of high summits.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Friday, 30 January, 2026

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