

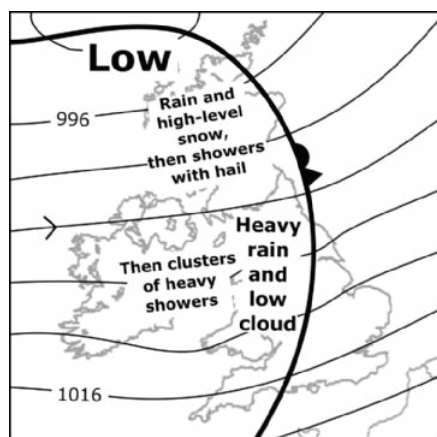
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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, 20 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 February, 2026

Extensive gale-force southwesterlies. A rise of freezing level toward higher tops in Scotland, where early hill snow soon turns mostly to rain. Lifting above freezing to highest tops in England & Wales by dawn, a few hours of heavy rain. Clusters of heavy showers follow into all western areas with hail, a chance of thunder.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Upland gales. Wet much of day, heavy rain especially western dales.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 20 February, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	South-southwesterly 35 to 45mph, peak speeds fluctuate during day, but at times over 50mph with powerful squally gusts higher tops; shifting westerly later in day.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions with buffeting and significant wind chill; maintaining stability requires constant effort/crouching.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Periods of rain, heavy at times, wettest west Rain sweeps in from west soon from dawn, persistent and setting in heavy for an hour or so, particularly western Dales up to Tebay. Breaking into showers, but these become locally frequent or persistent rain again during afternoon, heavy bursts with hail. Wet underfoot where snow melts.
Cloud on the hills?	Variable but fairly extensive on high terrain Cloud likely shrouds fell summits most of the day, filling in more extensively to middle or low slopes during rain, but also with higher breaks during cessation in rain, highest bases in the east.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy but some bright/sunny breaks will come and go, best east. Variable visibility, good out of cloud and rain but also hazy.
How Cold? (at 700m)	1C just at dawn, soon rising to 4 or 5C. Feeling like -5 to -8C in direct wind.
And in the valleys	4C from dawn, rising to 8C afternoon, remaining mild into night.

	Saturday 21 February	Sunday 22 February
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 30 to 40mph, tending to strengthen further up to dusk, 50mph+ into evening.	Southwesterly 35 to 50mph, squally gusts in showers, toward 60mph higher North Pennines tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking conditions, frequent buffeting over exposed higher terrain, becoming widely difficult later.	Challenging conditions over higher fells, frequent buffeting making walking arduous in exposure. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and drizzle Rain on and off, persistently drizzly at least over most western areas, most constant rain Tebay southward, becoming heavier afternoon. Patchier eastern dales.	Showery rain mostly west Showery rain on and off, some heavier and more frequent bursts western Yorks Dales, risk of hail.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Blanketing the hills all day, lowest western Three Peaks area, rarely above 300-400m. Toward eastern dales, and north from Kirkby Stephen, base nearer 500-600m.	Most frequent western tops Often capping the higher Three Peaks above 600-700m, sometimes lower in west in showers. Also likely to come and go above 700-800m in North Pennines. More above hills breaks eastwards.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, locally brighter skies for a time eastern areas. Hazy, visibility widely poor in rain.	Glimpses of sun, mostly eastern dales. Visibility at times very good, but reduced to occasionally poor in showers.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	5 or 6C. Where exposed to stronger winds on tops, feeling like -5 to -7C. Mild from dawn, little change during day, 9 or 10C, locally warmer eastern dales.	3 or 4C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C on tops. 7C from dawn, up to 9 or 10C afternoon, but lowering slightly in showers.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 21 February, 2026

Southwesterly winds brings milder conditions into this weekend - lifting above freezing to tops in England and Wales with substantial thawing, and generally higher freezing levels in Scotland; periods of thawing to Munro summits will occur but also further snowfall and refreezing on higher terrain during the day-to-day variability of precipitation and freezing levels onward into early next week. Likely colder later next week, back below freezing on higher terrain for a run of days. Often windy with periods of upland gales. Some spells of heavy rain over all western hills and low cloud frequently covering the hills.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Thursday, 19 February, 2026

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