

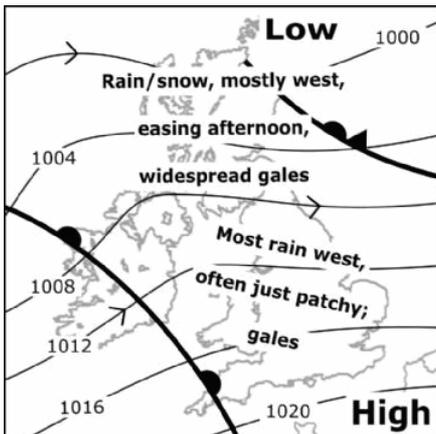
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Monday, 23 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 February, 2026

Widespread gales, severe for several hours on higher terrain. Early showers from the west affect many hills, particularly Scotland where rain will be frequent; snow on high terrain. Rain slowly eases afternoon, then a warm front approaches Wales, bringing more rain and rising temperatures here, spreading widely overnight.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Gales widely; light rain west falls,

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 23 February, 2026

<p>How windy? (On the summits)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>West-southwesterly 45-50mph in morning, strongest in the N Pennines where may reach 55mph in exposure for periods. Easing afternoon, to near 30mph around dusk, further easing for a few hours into night but later deteriorating.</p> <p>Challenging walking conditions for most of the day with significant wind chill; crouching may be necessary for stability for several hours. Effects easing, but walking remains strenuous during daylight.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Light rain, mostly western Yorks Dales</p> <p>Rain affecting many areas at and before dawn, soon trending to a light and patchy nature, though the Three Peaks area may see fairly frequent drizzly rain. This will ease with time, becoming largely dry by evening, then rain returns for a few hours after dark.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free summits?</p>	<p>Lowest and most persistent west, chance improving</p> <p>Covering higher Pennines much of the day above 700m, but more persistent above 500m western Three Peaks area, lowering further all areas in rain. An improving trend with time, best chance of breaks later afternoon.</p> <p>30% rising to 50%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Mostly cloudy west, some brighter skies east with a little sun breaking through. Visibility fairly good where dry, but reducing to be poor in west in rain.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 700m)</p> <p>And in the valleys</p>	<p>3C from dawn, gradually lifting to 4C by sundown, rising further overnight. Feeling like -10 to -15C directly in the wind.</p> <p>7C from dawn, rising to 9 or 10C.</p>

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 24 February	Wednesday 25 February
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 30 to 40mph.	Southwesterly 20-35mph, gusty in places too, notably early in the day. Strengthening later, to 40mph into night.
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous walking over higher exposed terrain, frequent buffeting. Considerable wind chill despite milder air.	Inconvenient wind much of the day, at times strenuous and feeling chilly, a deteriorating trend with time.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Soon dry Patchy morning drizzle mostly western areas up to Tebay, and feeling damp where in cloud elsewhere. Soon turning largely dry.	Spotty rain, mostly north Spots of light rain drifting into the N Pennines, sometimes towards the Three Peaks area as well; some fine drizzle in cloud over high summits. The risk of rain rises later in the day.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, improving, some clear fells Covering higher fells much of the morning, most persistent to 600m in west, or possibly lower south of Tebay. A lifting and breaking trend with time, fells clear for periods afternoon but with a risk of banks returning.	Mostly high terrain but variable Fog largely shrouds the high terrain from Cross Fell southward in the N Pennines. The Three Peaks will mostly be in fog too, at times the bases drifting lower. Hill to the east will be often free of cloud.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20% rising to 60%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, some brighter skies with sun through high cloud north and east Pennines where visibility good. Hazier western Dales, misty around some hills.	Often cloudy but with bright breaks, some sun possible over Yorks Dales. Moderate visibility due to a haze.
How Cold? (at 700m)	5 to 7C. In exposure to wind, feeling like -5 to -7C.	6C at dawn, rising to 7C, locally 8C eastern Yorks Dales. Feeling just below freezing in the wind.
And in the valleys	7 or 8C from dawn, rising to 12C afternoon.	7 or 8C from dawn, rising to 10 to 12C, warmest near and north of the Howgills.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 24 February, 2026**

West to southwesterly winds prevail during the week ahead as areas of low pressure move toward northwest Scotland ; regular rainfall here, most frequent and heavy over western mountains. Weak high pressure keeps the weather drier to the south and east early in the week. Sustained gales over the mountains, only brief lulls around mid-week. Temperatures rising into mid-week with freezing levels soon lifting off summits in England and Wales for substantial snow thaws . Some thawing in Scotland too. Later in the week, becoming more widely unsettled again with cooler temperatures, at times showery with hail, some snow on Scottish Munros. The final days of February favour colder northwesterly air and a drop of freezing level; a dry and bright spell is possible early weekend.

Forecast issued at 16:28 on Sunday, 22 February, 2026

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