

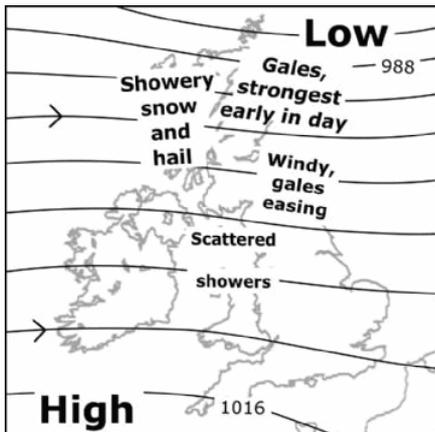
# Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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, 11 March, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 11 March, 2026**

Cold strong westerly winds, gales over Scottish mountains and more widely early in day, significant chill factor over mountains. Showery snow and hail most frequent W & NW Highlands, more scattered elsewhere. Cloud base varying, occasional sun.

### Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Windy, gales at first. Local showers with hail, snow tops.

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 11 March, 2026

<p><b>How windy? (On the summits)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>Westerly up to 50mph post dawn; through day dropping slowly, typically 30-35mph middle of day (strongest N Pennines). Increasing again into night, reaching 60-70mph, stronger gusts.</p> <p><b>Expect considerable wind chill and walking to be arduous particularly morning. Deteriorating again to severe gales onward into night.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b></p>	<p><b>Hail and snow showers</b></p> <p>Mainly morning, hail and above 700m snow showers, mostly brief.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p> <p><b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b></p>	<p><b>Mostly higher tops</b></p> <p>In precipitation, cloud forming to 400-500m, lowest in morning south of Tebay. Otherwise, by midday (as average cloud base tends to rise) between 600 and 900m, generally highest easternmost summits and N Pennines.</p> <p><b>60%</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b></p> <p>Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Bursts of sunshine, mainly afternoon.</p> <p>Visibility mostly very good although a haze.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b></p> <p><b>And in the valleys</b></p>	<p>2C during day, then rising to 4C into night. Will feel like -10C directly in the wind.</p> <p>5C from dawn, 8 or 9C in the afternoon.</p>

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

	Thursday 12 March	Friday 13 March
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly 45 to 55mph, likely 60mph higher tops for periods.	West to southwesterly 35 to 45mph, likely strongest in the morning, squally gusts around showers.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Difficult conditions over the fells, any mobility challenging in exposure higher up. Significant wind chill.</b>	<b>Challenging walking conditions over exposed higher terrain, considerable buffeting and significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Heavy rain sets in from the north</b> Patchy rain from before dawn over N Pennines and Three Peaks, setting in persistent and heavy from the north with time. Intense bursts of rain likely with a risk of thunder.	<b>Hail and snow showers, chance thunder</b> Showers with hail most frequent western York Dales, a scattering elsewhere passing east during day; snow falling toward lower elevations in morning, then mostly rain below 400m. Chance of isolated lightning.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive</b>  Shrouding the fells widely, from lower elevations upward western Yorks Dales up to Tebay and western N Pennines. Some eastern slopes start clearer, though deteriorating from the north here too.	<b>Sometimes capping tops</b>  Cloud occasionally grazing higher fells, mostly western areas near Ingleborough, brief patches to 600m or lower in showers. Often breaking above many tops, particularly eastern areas.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull most of day, especially in west, but may become brighter later from north. Poor visibility, possibly improving later.	Bursts of sun west, or more frequent bright sun east and northeastern dales. Visibility often excellent eastern areas, but further west at times very poor in snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>	5C, late in day likely to drop to 0C in N Pennines, more widely dropping overnight.	-2C rising to 0 or 1C afternoon. Feeling like -12 to -15C directly in the wind.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	8 to 10C, small variation during day, then dropping chillier overnight.	2C from dawn, rising to 5 or 6C afternoon, but a few degrees colder in showers.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 12 March, 2026

Generally unsettled onward into the upcoming weekend and start of next week as low pressure systems pass near and north of Britain - strong west or southwesterly winds prevail, often gale-force to at times storm-force over the mountains. Some fluctuation of temperature and freezing level, but mostly below freezing over Scottish mountains, at times snow falling to lower elevations. Colder for all by the end of this week with widely lowering freezing level by Friday. Frequent precipitation most western mountains, accumulations of snow across the mountains, most substantial in western Scotland from Glencoe northwards. Quieter weather patterns indicated beyond mid-month as higher pressure builds.

### Forecast issued at 16:00 on Tuesday, 10 March, 2026

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