

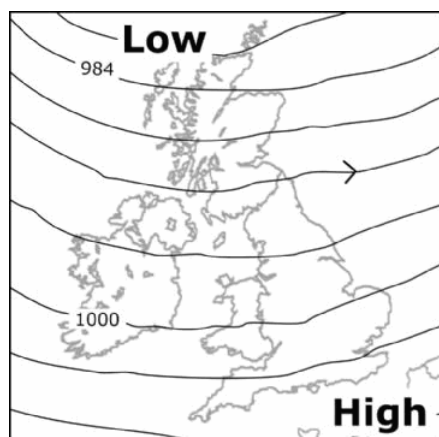
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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General Summary for Friday, 13 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 March, 2026

Cold widely gale force upland winds around a deep low north of Scotland, will bring a succession of snow and hail showers to the mountains. Cloud will extensively cover the mountains (the highest cloud base well inland afternoon). Much higher terrain will be below freezing point.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Upland gales; frequent squally hail and snow showers. Fog.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 13 March, 2026

How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	West to southwesterly 45-55mph post dawn. Will tend to ease toward 35-45mph, strongest above about 600m, but very gusty near precipitation. Challenging walking particularly morning on over exposed higher terrain, considerable buffeting and significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent hail and snow showers, small risk thunder Showers with hail and above 300, later 550m snow. Sometimes precipitation very frequent giving almost constant precipitation over an hour or so.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	May become very extensive from north Cloud base varying sometimes quickly: near precipitation shafts of cloud 450m or lower and persistent higher fells. During drier periods cloud base typically 600 to 750m. 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sun, mainly lower slopes N Pennines. Visibility varying between intermittently very good, and sometimes appalling in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	-1C rising to 0 or 1C afternoon. Will feel as cold as minus 12C directly in the wind. 2C from dawn, rising to around 6C afternoon, but a few degrees colder in showers.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 14 March	Sunday 15 March
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwest to westerly, ranging from 30 to perhaps for a few hours 40mph. Strenuous walking at times where exposed across higher areas. Considerable wind chill.	Southwest veering west typically between 35 and 45mph, perhaps 55mph morning. Risk strengthening further toward dusk. Continued difficult walking and wind chill significant on exposed higher areas. Expect balance, and in places general mobility to be difficult.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Hail and snow showers. Showers: may be frequent (sometimes merging one into another and whiteout) morning, but should gradually ease. Expect hail and above 450m, snow.	Rain morning; clearing to showers Morning and perhaps mild of day: Extensive rain. Middle of day or into afternoon: Clearing, but temporarily snow above 600m Afternoon: Hail and snow showers (rain lower slopes).
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Almost constantly covering higher fells; lowest cloud base morning Varied cloud base: sometimes below 300-450m near precipitation (lowest western Yorkshire dales, particularly morning) but increasingly most cloud above 600 to 800m. 20% rising to 60%	Fells covered morning; then cloud base rising markedly Morning and perhaps early afternoon: Blanket of fog across the fells, breaks to 600m north Pennines and more eastern dales. Into afternoon: Varying cloud base, between occasionally 500m near precipitation and otherwise above 750m. Less than 10% morning; later 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, mainly lower slopes N Pennines and more eastern areas elsewhere. Hazy, and very poor visibility in snow	Dull and misty morning and probably into afternoon. Later patchy sun and mostly good visibility (temporarily poor in precipitation).
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	1C. Will feel as cold as minus 12C directly in the wind. Will reach 6 or 7C in the afternoon.	4C dropping to 0 or 1C. Will feel as cold as minus 10C where exposed to the wind. Around 9 Celsius most of day - although may drop a degree or so into afternoon.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 14 March, 2026

Further bouts of upland gales over the next few days. Precipitation on most mountains daily, focussed on western hills. Freeze thaw cycles will occur: on the Scottish Highlands, thaw periods fairly brief and snow accumulating on many slopes. Further south, lying snow more intermittent as periods of thaw will be lengthier. Temperature levels will rise from about next Tuesday and as pressure then builds, most or all mountain areas will then become largely fine.

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