

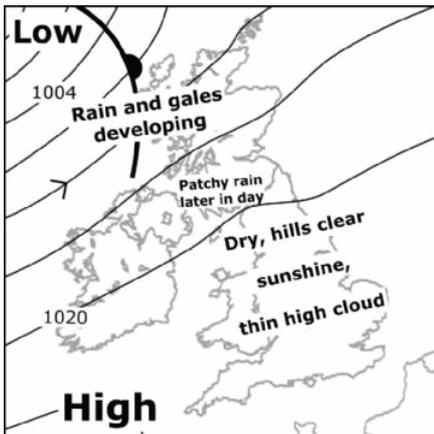
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 23 March, 2026

Wind speed increasing significantly across Scotland, becoming severe-gale force over mountains into afternoon. Rain and briefly some snow on tops moving in from the west. England and Wales dry, with sun through a veil of high cloud, also increasingly windy - upland gales evening into night.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Increasingly windy, gales on tops later. Dry, hills clear, weak sun.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 23 March, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Variable 10mph or less early morning, becoming south-southwesterly, 20-25mph by noon. Increasing more rapidly toward late afternoon 35-45mph, later over 50mph higher North Pennines, gusts 60mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small up to early afternoon, but expect increasingly blustery conditions, and deteriorating further into evening as gales make walking more arduous.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation not expected until night A little rain possible northernmost areas up to dusk. Onward into night, persistent rain developing widely, heavier in west.
Cloud on the hills?	None expected until night Hills clear likely all daytime. Into night, cloud lowering over the fells increasingly widely, particularly west.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Above 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine tending to weaken as high cloud thickens, may become obscured afternoon. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 700m)	0C rising to 3C by late afternoon. As wind increases, chill factor up to dusk feeling like -10C in exposure.
And in the valleys	0 to 2C around dawn, frost in sheltered spots. Rising to 10C into afternoon.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 24 March	Wednesday 25 March
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 45 to 60mph, risk 70mph high N Pennines for a few hours; peak speeds may moderate a little during day. Difficult conditions across the fells, any mobility challenging in exposure. Significant wind chill.	Northwesterly 30 to 45mph, varying speeds with squally gusts around showers. Walking often impeded, frequent buffeting, in places more arduous over higher exposed terrain. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy rain likely sets in, later snow Persistent and increasingly heavy rain setting in over several hours, most likely through middle of day, may continue into afternoon, snow on tops later in day.	Hail and snow showers Showery snow and hail falling to lower slopes, mostly western areas in the morning, but increasingly widespread with time. Chance of isolated thunder & lightning.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, lowest west Shrouding the fells widely, from lower elevations upward western areas up to Tebay. Mostly above 600-700m further north and east, lower for a time in rain.	Occasionally capping tops Cloud base changing, mostly confined to highest summits above 700-800m and often lifting above. Brief patches to 600m in showers.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, dull then murky in rain. Visibility increasingly very poor.	Bursts of bright sunshine, most common toward east in morning. Visibility at times very good, but appalling in showers with brief whiteout over tops.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	4C in morning, lowering to 0C up to dusk. Feeling like -12 to -15C in the wind. 8 to 10C in morning up to mid-afternoon, then dropping later in day.	-1 or -2C, slight rise into afternoon. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C on tops. 2C from dawn, rising to 7C afternoon, but dropping back several degrees during showers.

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

Cold, wintry conditions across all mountains into midweek - significant chill factor from gale force west then northwesterly winds. Showery hail and snow falling to increasingly lower elevations in the Highlands on Tuesday, whilst a band of heavy rain moves slowly southward over England & Wales. Hail and snow showers extend southwards into Wednesday, by then below freezing on all tops above 600-700m. Fewer showers by Thursday for many, though further snow then rain moves into western Scotland. Temperature and freezing level then varying as changeable westerlies prevail for Scotland through the weekend into early next week with periods of upland gales widely, accompanied by spells of rain, hill snow and hail showers; some windows of drier weather more often affect England & Wales.

Forecast issued at 16:07 on Sunday, 22 March, 2026

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