

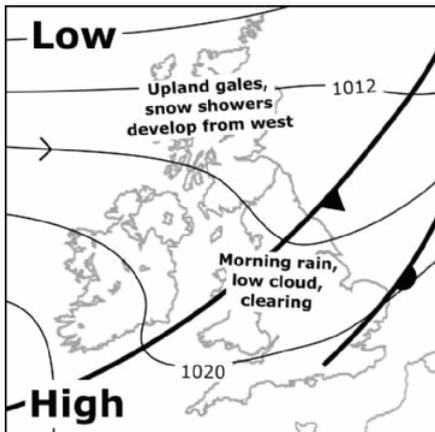
# Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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, 27 March, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 27 March, 2026**

Wind strengthens across Scottish mountains to gale-force, significant chill factor. A dry morning central-eastern Highlands, but snow showers in the west develop widely and become heavier with hail. Early rain clears southeastward over England, cloud lifts and breaks; slower to improve southward across Wales.

### Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Moderate winds through middle of day. Rain clears, showers later.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 27 March, 2026

<p><b>How windy? (On the summits)</b></p>	<p>Westerly 30-35mph up to and around dawn; then dropping soon into range 15-25mph most of the day; a strengthening trend again during afternoon, reaching 30mph, by dusk 35-40mph north Pennines.</p>
<p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p><b>Fairly small most of the day, though blustery at first and again toward evening with walking impeded and feeling increasingly chilly.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Early rain, largely dry midday onward</b> Often raining on the western slopes from dawn, more patchy to the east. Gradually breaking from the north - rain most persistent Ingleton to Tebay. Largely dry by afternoon, an odd shower later, snow above 600m.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p>	<p><b>Breaking from the north in morning</b> Extensive cloud across hills from before dawn, but breaking from the north into morning as rain eases, persistent for a few hours on western Three Peaks, then increasing breaks with most cloud above hills afternoon.</p>
<p><b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b></p>	<p><b>30% rising to 80%</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Overcast start, sun gradually breaking out from the north, some patchy cloud builds. Visibility improving to very good as cloud and rain clear.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b></p>	<p>3 to 5C from dawn, coolest north, tending to drop, widely 2C middle of day, nearer 0C from dusk. Where exposed to wind, feeling like -5C, to by dusk -10C as speed increases.</p>
<p><b>And in the valleys</b></p>	<p>5C from dawn, up to 8C into middle of day, then lowering quickly from sunset.</p>

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

	<b>Saturday 28 March</b>	<b>Sunday 29 March</b>
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Westerly 35 to 45mph, squally gusts. A brief lessening by evening-night, then gales then likely return later in night. <b>Strenuous walking over the fells, frequent buffeting affecting balance. Significant wind chill.</b>	Southwesterly 55-70mph with stronger gusts dawn into morning, then westerly 40-50mph into afternoon, squally gusts. <b>Severe conditions for a time, remaining difficult high Pennines, mobility challenging in exposure. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Hail and snow showers</b> Scattered showers, most common western side of Pennines and Dales in the morning, extending eastwards, mostly brief hail, snow falling in morning to some lower elevations, with time mostly rain below 600m.	<b>Rain turns heavy, later showery</b> A swathe of rain moving in from west in morning, possible sleet or brief snow on tops. A more intense band moving southeastwards into middle of day. Then showery rain on and off.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Varied mostly over western tops, lifting</b> Patchy cloud capping higher slopes mostly toward the west in the morning, lifting increasingly above the tops by middle of the day.	<b>Lowest in rain west, rising later</b> Varied mostly over higher western slopes early in day, but filling in more extensively, lowering to 500-600m. Then rising later in day with some breaks forming to tops.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>50% rising to 80%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of cloud and sun, best in east in morning. Visibility often very good, but reduced at times to briefly very poor in showers.	Largely cloudy, late bursts of sun develop. Visibility very poor in rain, improving later to intermittently very good out of showers.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b> <b>And in the valleys</b>	-1C rising to +1 or 2C afternoon. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C.  Frost in sheltered valleys around dawn, rising to 9C afternoon.	2 or 3C. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C.  3C at dawn, rising to 9C afternoon, but a few degrees lower during heavy rain.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 28 March, 2026**

Changeable westerlies prevail onward into early next week, continuing gales over most high terrain. Below freezing on Scottish mountains above 700-800m into Monday with snow showers; higher freezing level further south, above the tops in Wales with mostly drizzly rain here. Milder air lifts above freezing to all tops into Tuesday with low cloud, drizzle and rain, most persistent west-northwest Scotland. Mixed conditions likely continue, but some windows of better weather mid-late in the week - temperatures vary above and just below freezing on Scottish tops. Potential for cold conditions again early April, but drier conditions possibly more common by then.

**Forecast issued at 15:10 on Thursday, 26 March, 2026**

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