

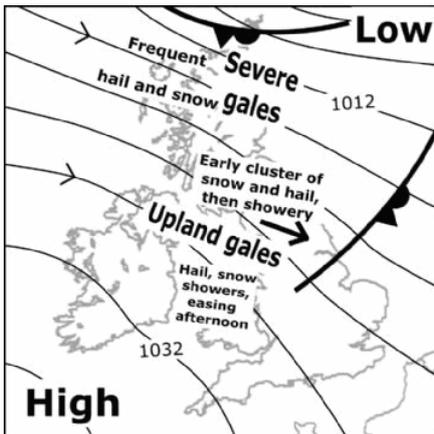
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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General Summary for Saturday, 28 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 28 March, 2026

Feeling bitterly cold in gale-force west-northwesterly winds widely, severe gales on higher Scottish mountains. Extensive showers with hail, snow, chance of isolated thunder, locally grouping into more constant precipitation NW Highlands, also N England in morning; intensity of showers easing during afternoon.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Upland gales. Hail and snow showers.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 28 March, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 35 to 50mph, strongest North Pennines, squally gusts. A brief lessening by evening-night, then gales then likely return later in night.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking over the fells, more difficult in places on high exposed terrain, frequent buffeting affecting balance. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Hail and snow showers From dawn into early morning, a cluster of frequent snow and hail passing southeastward; chance isolated lightning. Then scattered showers extending eastwards, mostly brief hail, snow falling in morning to some lower elevations, with time mostly rain below 600m.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied mostly over western tops, lifting Covering high terrain most widely from dawn, then lifting to patchy cloud capping higher slopes mostly toward the west in the morning, lifting increasingly above the tops by middle of the day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50% rising to 80%
Sunshine? 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.
How Cold? (at 700m)	-1C rising to +1 or 2C afternoon. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C.
And in the valleys	Frost in sheltered valleys around dawn, rising to 8C afternoon.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 29 March	Monday 30 March
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 55-70mph with stronger gusts during morning, then westerly 40-50mph into afternoon, squally gusts. Severe conditions for a time, remaining difficult high Pennines, mobility challenging in exposure. Significant wind chill.	West to northwesterly, 35 to 50mph, strongest North Pennines in the morning, gusts 60mph for a time higher tops. Walking difficult on exposed higher terrain, considerable buffeting, gusts knocking you off balance. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain turns heavy, later showery 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.	Light showers for a time Well scattered light showers, snow flurries above 500m, fading out with time.
Cloud on the hills?	Lowest in rain west, rising later 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.	Lifting above most tops Cloud banks drifting over higher slopes, mostly above 600-700m in morning, tending to rise. Increasing breaks to tops. Will then lower from southwest into night.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, late bursts of sun develop. Visibility very poor in rain, improving later to intermittently very good out of showers.	Occasional sun, most common east. Visibility mostly very good.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	1C rising briefly to 3C middle of day, by evening dropping toward 0C. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C. 2C at dawn, rising to 8C afternoon, but a few degrees lower during heavy rain.	0C rising to 2 or 3C afternoon, then higher after dark. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C. 4C from dawn, rising to 9C afternoon.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 29 March, 2026

Changeable westerlies prevail onward into early next week, continuing gales over most high terrain. Milder air lifts above freezing to all tops into Tuesday with low cloud, drizzle and rain, most persistent west-northwest Scotland. Likely colder again in Scotland by Wednesday with some further hill snow likely. Some windows of better weather mid-late in the week as higher pressure is nearby - temperatures vary above and just below freezing on Highland tops, more often above freezing England and Wales tops. Some chilly air possible during early April, but drier conditions likely developing with time with more spring sunshine.

Forecast issued at 16:21 on Friday, 27 March, 2026

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