

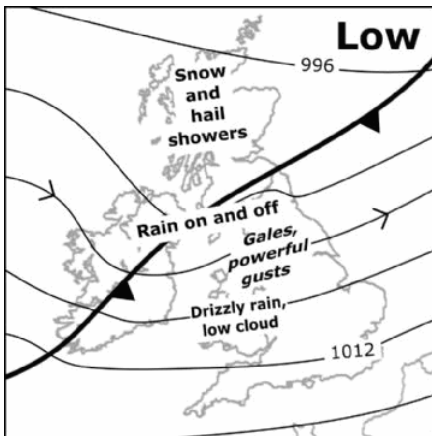
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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, 3 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 3 April, 2026

Cold with showery snow in the Highlands, also hail in north. Varied winds, blustery in northern Scotland, moderating for a time central Highlands. In England & Wales, a swathe of gales likely affects the mountains, but still some uncertainty about the northward extent; rain and drizzle, plus low cloud covering many hills.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Varied wind, gales mainly south. Rain and low cloud mostly west.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 3 April, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly, speed varies considerably during the day, gales up to dawn ease to 25mph or less for a time, but tending to increase again to 30-40mph, and particularly in Yorks Dales, powerful gusts 50mph near high tops and locally downslope to east of
Effect of wind on you?	Beware of changing conditions - fairly small effects for a time, but often blustery and particularly in southern areas, places where walking becomes arduous with buffeting gusts and significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain on and off, some heavy Often raining throughout the day western Yorks Dales NP, a mix of patchy rain and drizzle, plus some heavier pulses of rain moving through. Some drier windows toward the northeast Pennines. Later in day turning to snow higher northern tops.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, some breaks east Often covering higher slopes during the morning above 600-700m, or lower around rain in western Yorks Dales, to lower elevations in morning. Bases rising and some breaks forming, best across the eastern Dales to northeast Pennines.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20% Three Peaks, to 40% northeast.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often overcast, but a few brighter windows with glimpses of sun are possible. Mixed visibility, often poor in rain, particularly west, but occasionally good.
How Cold? (at 700m)	5C, tending to drop in north to 3C afternoon, more widely later, 1C from dusk. Feeling as cold as -10C in strongest wind.
And in the valleys	6C at dawn, lifting up to 8 to 10C, coolest in west in rain.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 4 April	Sunday 5 April
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly, briefly below 20mph early in day, but rapid increase to 40-50mph afternoon, later 60-70mph+ higher fells. Small early in day, but deteriorating during daytime - walking challenging then later any mobility increasingly difficult.	Westerly 50mph from dawn, possibly stronger up to first light, only gradually easing toward 30-35mph later in day. Frequent buffeting, walking arduous over higher terrain, some gradual improvement. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain or drizzle setting in Likely dry start, for a few hours north & east, but patchy rain developing to become persistent for a time, leaving drizzly conditions at least in west. Then by dusk heavy rain for a time. Into night, hail showers, snow tops above 600m.	Showery hail and snow Generally showery, heavy bursts with hail, and snow to lower-mid elevations early in day, becoming mostly rain or hail below 600m with time. Showers fading toward evening.
Cloud on the hills?	Lowering, particularly west Patchy cloud around some slopes mainly in west in the morning, many fells clear for a time. Increasingly lowering across the fells as rain develops, filling in lowest for western areas up to Tebay.	Varying, breaks above tops Patchy cloud drifting over higher slopes, most often in western Three Peaks around 700m, briefly lower in showers. More often clearing eastwards.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60% dropping to 20%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Any weak early sun soon giving way to overcast skies. Visibility starts very good, then reducing to be poor.	Bursts of bright sunshine and very good visibility, but briefly very poor in showers.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	-1C at first, rising to +4C afternoon, then dropping to again into night to 0C. Feeling like -10C or below as wind strengthens. Slight frost some valleys up to dawn, rising to 13C afternoon.	-1C rising to +1 or 2C afternoon. Feeling like -10 to -13C in the wind. 3C at dawn, rising to 7 or 8C afternoon, dropping a couple of degrees in showers.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 4 April, 2026**

A storm system moves across Britain over the Easter weekend, bringing severe conditions increasingly widely - severe gales over the mountains advancing northwards into Scotland by later Saturday daytime. Rain and hill snow also sweeps northward - a substantial snowfall develops particularly in northern Scotland later Saturday. Colder for all by Sunday with all mountains sub-zero, above 600-700m in Scotland, 800m in England and Wales - hail and snow showers with gales bringing severe chill factor. Milder southerlies develop for Monday, dry for most, but risk of gales especially in the west. A changeable weather regime is expected to continue next week, possibly turning chillier again later in the week.

Forecast issued at 7:57 on Friday, 3 April, 2026

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