

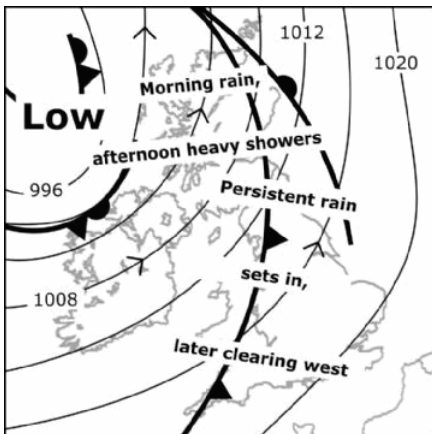
# Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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, 17 April, 2026



### British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 17 April, 2026

Strong, gusty wind all day, gales in Scotland, risk severe coastal northwest. Persistent early rain in Scotland breaks to heavy showers, frequent west, clusters spreading east. Several hours of heavy rain sweeps east across England and Wales; driest start Pennines, and dry windows later in Snowdonia and Lakeland.

### Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Patchy morning rain sets in for several hours; windy, gusty

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 17 April, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	South-southwesterly 30-35mph, strengthening for a few early hours in N Pennines, 40-45mph over tops. Trending southwesterly with time. Frequently gusty.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking often strenuous in exposure with considerable wind chill, more arduous in exposure over N Pennines early in the day with considerable buffeting.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Patchy rain setting in persistently, perhaps will into the day</b> Some patchy rain and drizzle on the high fells from morning, dry windows too. Rain sets in persistently from later morning for several hours with heavy falls. Rain slowly clears from the north, may linger over Yorks Dales well into the afternoon.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Fairly extensive for a time, breaking from north through afternoon</b> Fog banks on the high tops from before dawn, variably lowering towards 700m in morning rain, then more extensive to middle slopes as rain sets in, to lower western slopes. Lifting and breaking through, first in the north, some summit breaks but occasional banks returning at times. Yorks Dales may be slow to improve.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>20%, rising to 60% north through afternoon</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Mostly cloudy, dull for several hours as rain sets in with poor visibility. Sun increasingly breaking out through afternoon with good visibility, soonest/best in the north.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>	5 or 6C, rising to 7C, locally 8C eastern Yorks Dales NP. Notably cooling from the north into evening, by several degrees overnight. Feeling like -5C in direct wind, to -8C in exposure N Pennines early.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	6 or 7C at dawn, rising to 11C.

**Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead**

	<b>Saturday 18 April</b>	<b>Sunday 19 April</b>
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Westerly 20 to 30mph, gusty in showers.	Northerly 10mph and often less, though nearer 15mph in the morning.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Feeling blustery over higher terrain, in places affecting ease of walking with noticeable wind chill in exposure on tops.</b>	<b>Negligible</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Showers, hail</b> Showery rain most common in western areas in the morning, more widely with time, brief heavier bursts with hail.	<b>Little or no rain</b> A few light scattered showers possible here and there, but most fells dry most or all of daylight.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Lifting mostly above tops</b>  Patchy cloud mostly higher western areas around or above 700m in the morning, may graze tops for periods around showers, but much cloud often above the hills.	<b>Likely none</b>  A few mist patches in sheltered dales at dawn, as well as some broken banks at various higher elevations. Soon after sunrise, cloud lifts and dissipates for cloud-free fells.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun best toward east in the morning, then brief bursts of sun later. Visibility varying, often excellent, but reduced during showers.	Mostly sunny, some thin high cloud around, and increasingly a patchwork through afternoon. Excellent visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>	4C rising to 6C. Feeling like -3 to -5C directly in the wind.	2C rising to 6C.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	5C at dawn, rising to 11C afternoon.	1C from dawn, patchy frosts in the dales. Rising to 10C.

**Planning Outlook**

**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 18 April, 2026**

Saturday stays showery, heavy at times with hail, most frequent and heavy in Scotland and northern England. Sun between the showers, conditions improving from the south, and then the weather more widely settled on Sunday: light or negligible wind, often sunny with chilly morning temperatures, though widely rising by at least a few degrees. High pressure north of Scotland next week facilitates east-to northeasterly winds, which may be quite blustery and gusty at times. Generally cooler temperatures too. Occasional light showers drifting from the east, notably early week, snow flurries on higher terrain. Variable freezing levels, likely lowest early in the week, and also some valley frosts at dawn. A mix of cloud and sunshine, most often sunny to the west of high hill groups where temperatures more mild.

**Forecast issued at 15:32 on Thursday, 16 April, 2026**

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