

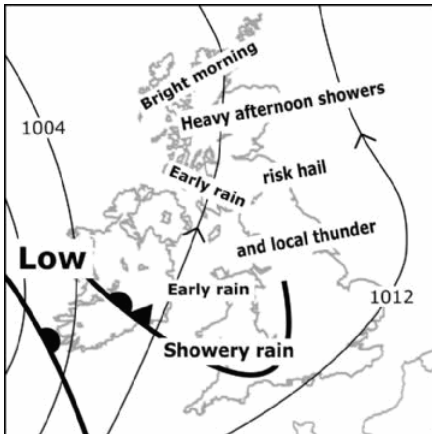
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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, 18 May, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 18 May, 2026

Variable hill cloud at dawn, early rain in Wales into Lakeland and south/eastern Scotland; NW Scotland starts clear. Most cloud lifts to or above summits. Heavy afternoon showers build over the Pennines northward across most of Scotland; risk hail and local thunder. Risk lingering rain south Wales.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Scattered showers increasingly heavy, particularly N and E

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 18 May, 2026

<p>How windy? (On the summits)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>South-southwesterly 10mph most of the day, some variability around this value and also some strong gusts around showers. Turning southerly late in the day and deteriorating later overnight.</p> <p>Fairly small, but may become blustery around showers at times.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Showers increasingly heavy</p> <p>Patchy rain west in the morning, odd showery bursts forming. Rain gradually spreads more widely and turns showery, the showers becoming heavy with a risk of hail as the afternoon goes, heaviest and possibly some thunder east and N Pennines.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free summits?</p>	<p>Lifting and clearing summits with time</p> <p>Varied cloud banks around hills in morning, particularly western Yorks Dales where may reach lower slopes. Lifting to upper slopes or above into middle of day, ragged patches locally in showers. Increasingly clearing afternoon.</p> <p>30% rising to 80%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Variable cloud, glimpses of sun, becoming locally sunnier in western areas later afternoon; high cloud tending to build.</p> <p>Visibility very good, deteriorating in showers.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 700m)</p> <p>And in the valleys</p>	<p>3C rising to 7 or 8C. Dropping a few degrees around showers.</p> <p>4 or 5C at dawn, rising to 13C afternoon. Less rise in the N Pennines due to showers.</p>

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 19 May	Wednesday 20 May
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly 35-45mph and gusty early; shifting southwesterly, easing for a time to 25-35mph, restrengthening later. Arduous walking with buffeting and wind chill in exposure early; easing with time but remaining a nuisance in exposure.	West-southwesterly 25-35mph; risk of a swathe of stronger wind afternoon, up to 45mph. Blustery in exposure most of the day, moments of strenuous walking and feeling chilly; risk deteriorating for a few hours.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Often raining Frequent showers affect the fells most of the day, at times merging into broader areas of rain, the rain quite persistent on high western slopes, perhaps more widely early; risk isolated hail and lightning.	Periods of rain Rain will come and go for much of the day, though feeling humid during the drier windows and perhaps a lingering drizzle on the summits of Three Peaks towards Tebay. Risk of extended heavy falls in the far north later afternoon.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Fairly extensive Cloud shrouds the fells to the low slopes in the morning. Cloud base tending to lift, highest bases may clear the hills north of Teesdale, but most western slopes will see only slight improvement, some variably higher breaks. 30%	Lifting to tops with breaks Extensive at dawn, to the low slopes from Tebay to Three Peaks. Bases lift, clearing most eastern hills by afternoon. High western summits slower to clear cloud, though during dry windows summits may see clear windows. Rising to 50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A few glimpses of sun break out with time. Largely poor visibility, some better moments to the north and east.	Glimpses of sun. Variable visibility, starting mostly poor but improving during dry windows, best east.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	6C rising to 10C; may stay cooler western slopes, particularly Cross Fell group Feeling like -5 to -7C in direct wind. 6C at dawn, rising to 14C.	6 or 7C rising to 10C. Feeling near or below freezing in strongest direct wind. 8C from dawn, rising to 14C.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 19 May, 2026**

A mixed but milder outlook. Damp southwesterlies prevail for a few days as mid-week approaches with regular rain and showers, most on western hills where drizzly rain may persist between showers and persistent low cloud. Expect increasingly wet conditions underfoot and slippery rock surfaces. Also, a risk of isolated hail and lightening in the showers; showers may be enhanced in eastern Scotland in sea breezes. Indications of rising pressure later in the week, brining milder and drier conditions to England and Wales. However, some drizzle and low cloud may continue to affect western hills, with periods of rain and wind continuing to affect Scotland. Pressure may continue to rise into the weekend, allowing for warmer and sunnier conditions, but some fronts and lingering humidity will bring local periods of rain.

Forecast issued at 16:27 on Sunday, 17 May, 2026

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