

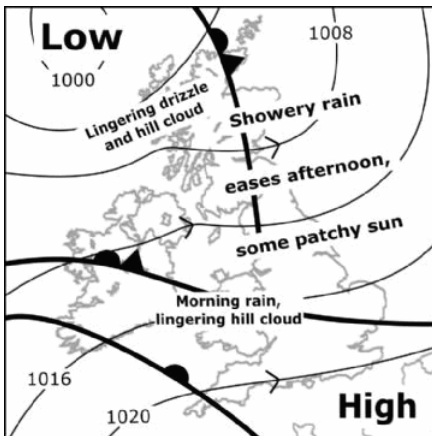
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Wednesday, 20 May, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 20 May, 2026

Windy with strong gusts, briefly lighter early in Scottish Highlands. Morning showery rain and low cloud; improving afternoon as patchy sun breaks out, cloud lifting to high terrain with summit breaks, and most areas substantially dry by later afternoon. Low cloud lingers in Wales and NW Scotland.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Windy; wet morning and hill cloud, drier afternoon with sun breaks

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 20 May, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	West-southwesterly 30-35mph; risk of a swathe of stronger wind for a few midday afternoon, gusts approaching 40mph or stronger.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking impeded in exposure and often strenuous and feeling chilly; considerable buffeting over high terrain, balance challenged in strongest gusts.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent rain, easing through afternoon Frequent showery rain through the morning and early afternoon, lingering drizzle on the summits of Three Peaks towards Tebay between showers. An easing tendency through afternoon, largely dry by evening, only odd spots remaining.
Cloud on the hills?	Lifting to tops with breaks, increasingly broken afternoon 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. May become substantially clear as evening approaches, particularly N Pennines.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Rising to 60%, later 80% N Pennines
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, cloud increasingly broken for a patchwork of sun through afternoon. Variable visibility, starting mostly poor but improving during dry windows, and more widely very good through afternoon.
How Cold? (at 700m)	6 or 7C rising to 9C. Staying elevated into night, may rise slightly south. Feeling at or just below freezing in strongest wind.
And in the valleys	8C from dawn, rising to 14C.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 21 May	Friday 22 May
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 25-35mph. Gusty approaching 40-45mph, particularly early, and downslope east; may ease later.	Southerly 25-30mph, gusty early including downslope. Easing to 20-25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking strenuous in exposure and feeling cool. Buffeting gusts affect balance, not just high terrain, particularly east.	Strenuous walking early with buffeting gusts, including downslope. Easing, but wind and gusts remain a nuisance.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Morning rain, lingering drizzle Several hours of patchy rain in the morning, some extended falls early. The rain tends to break by midday or earlier, but a lingering drizzle on high western terrain, particularly Cross Fell group.	Rain unlikely Small chance spots of rain as dusk approaches but likely dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, improving south A sheet of cloud shrouds the fells from at least 300-500m upward, lowest bases western fells. As rain breaks from the south, bases will rise to or above the high tops of Yorks Dales NP. N Pennines slow to improve, if at all.	Little or none Patchy mist in sheltered dales at dawn. Mist begins lifting upslope soon after sunrise, soon dissipating for cloud-free fells.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%, rising to 50% south	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull with poor visibility from dawn. Glimpses of sun begin breaking out over Yorks Dales NP, better visibility.	Often sunny, some high cloud weakening or at times covering the sun, best Yorks Dales NP. Very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 700m)	9C rising to 12 or 13C. Feeling just above freezing in direct wind.	13C rising to 18C.
And in the valleys	10C at dawn, rising to 17C; may stay a degree or two cooler western Yorks Dales NP.	10 or 11C at dawn, rising to 22C.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 21 May, 2026**

Pressure rises as the weekend approaches, facilitating south-southwesterly wind; much milder temperatures arriving, likely warm in England and Wales by the weekend. Blustery wind for a few days, quite gusty too, including to lower slopes early; still feeling chilly on high Scottish tops, and strongest gusts will challenge stability. Patchy rain and hill cloud will continue to affect Scotland as well, most often in the west. Increasingly dry and sunny England and Wales, but always with a risk of cloud and some rain, including early valley mist in sheltered areas.

Higher pressure is indicated into next week as well. Precise detail of the high pressure core remains uncertain - the risk of strong wind and spells of rain possible for most areas, but also extended bright and warm periods too.

Forecast issued at 16:11 on Tuesday, 19 May, 2026

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