

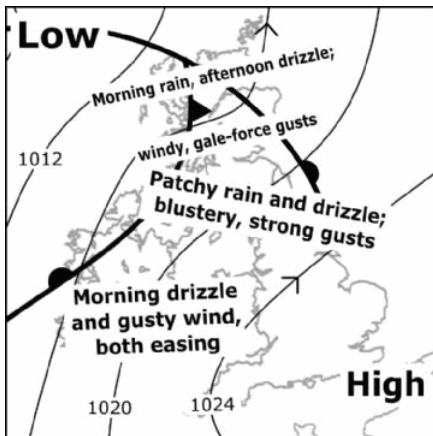
# Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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 Thursday, 21 May, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 21 May, 2026**

Morning rain in Scotland passes north, afternoon drizzle, rain returns in evening to central/west Munros; slick rock surfaces. Early rain soon clears English hills, afternoon drizzle in Lakeland. Morning drizzle in Wales fades, hills increasingly clear. Strong gusty wind too, local gale-force gusts. Warm Pennines and Wales.

### Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Drizzle and cloud linger north, improving south; strong gusty wind

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 21 May, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly 25-35mph. Gusty approaching 40-45mph, particularly early where gusts will reach downslope, and possibly again later in the day.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking strenuous in exposure and feeling cool. Buffeting gusts affect balance, including to lower terrain early in the day - strongest gusts require extra effort to maintain balance.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Morning rain, lingering drizzle north</b> Several hours of patchy rain from before dawn, a few extended falls. The rain tends to break by midday or earlier, but a lingering drizzle on high western terrain, particularly Cross Fell group, this gradually easing with time.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive, improving south</b> A sheet of cloud shrouds the fells from at least 300-500m upward, lowest bases western fells. As rain breaks bases will rise towards 600m or higher Yorks Dales NP, rising chance of summit breaks later. N Pennines slow to improve, Cross Fell only out of cloud towards dusk.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>10%, rising to 50% south</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Overcast and dull with poor visibility from dawn. Glimpses of sun begin breaking out over Yorks Dales NP where visibility will improve.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>	9C rising to 12C, or 13C east of high tops; staying elevated into night. Feeling like 1 to 3C in strongest wind.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	8 or 9C at dawn, rising to 15 to 17C; may stay a degree or two cooler from Whernside north to Cross Fell. Valleys will cool overnight, upper slopes stay milder.

## Yorkshire Dales &amp; North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Friday 22 May	Saturday 23 May
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southerly 20-30mph, gusty early including downslope.	Southwesterly 15-20mph, some gustiness early and late in the day.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Strenuous walking early with buffeting gusts, including downslope. An easing trend, but gusts remain a nuisance.</b>	<b>Fairly small.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain unlikely</b> Small chance a few odd spots of drizzly rain, but the fells likely entirely dry.	<b>Likely entirely dry</b> Some fine misty drizzle may affect high Three Peaks summits and perhaps towards Tebay, this soon fading after sunrise for dry fells.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Little or none</b>  Patchy mist in sheltered dales at dawn. Mist begins lifting upslope soon after sunrise, soon dissipating for cloud-free fells.	<b>Early cloud largely clears</b>  May be fairly extensive on western high fells from dawn, lowest bases near 300-400m Whernside to Tebay. Lifting through morning and likely breaking, east fells clear; may linger into midday on high west summits.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>Rising to 80%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Often sunny, some high cloud weakening or at times covering the sun, best Yorks Dales NP. Very good visibility.	Becoming mostly sunny as cloud breaks, some thin high cloud builds later. Excellent visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 700m)</b>	13C rising to 15 to 17C, staying coolest N Pennines.	9 or 10C, rising to 14 or 15C. Only slight drop Yorks Dales NP into night.
<b>And in the valleys</b>	10 or 11C at dawn, rising to 21C.	10C at dawn, rising to 19 or 20C, mildest eastern Yorks Dales NP.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 22 May, 2026**

Pressure rises into the weekend, facilitating south-southwesterly flow; much milder temperatures arriving, likely warm in England and Wales with wind easing. Staying blustery in north Scotland, gusty too, including to lower slopes early; still feeling chilly on high Scottish tops. Patchy rain and hill cloud will continue to affect Scotland as well, most often in the west. Becoming dry and sunny England and Wales, some early low fog possible, particularly on aspects near the Irish Sea, but this dissipating soon after sunrise.

Higher pressure is indicated into next week as well with hot temperatures: valleys approaching the mid-to-high 20s. Some hill cloud, mostly north and west, but most hills seeing plenty of sunshine. Only rare spots of light rain if any.

**Forecast issued at 15:59 on Wednesday, 20 May, 2026**

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