

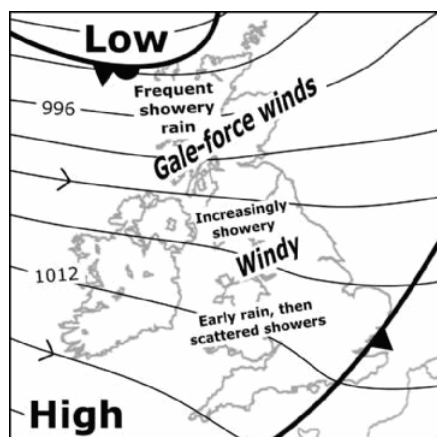
Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

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, 17 September, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 September, 2026

Strong westerly winds, gales widely on Scottish mountains; cool air and significant wind chill factor. Showery rain with heavy bursts mixed in most frequent in western Scotland, but tending to extend eastward. Showers develop more often for northern England too. Fewer showers for Wales after early rain clears.

Headline for Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines

Windy, near-gales, feeling chilly; showers become frequent.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 17 September, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	West-southwesterly 25mph early in day, strengthening during day to 35mph afternoon, gusts over 40mph high tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery with buffeting gusts in exposure, then more strenuous walking afternoon with considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, more often with time A band of rain over Yorks Dales NP just before dawn clearing southeast, followed by showers drifting onto the fells from the west. Showers generally light, but brief heavier bursts forming in the afternoon, moving east.
Cloud on the hills?	Occasionally touching summits Ragged patchy cloud at varied heights in the morning, soon lifting and breaking up, most fells clear of cloud much of the day. A few passing caps will affect the high western summits during and just after showers.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often sunny, some fair weather cloud around. Mostly very good visibility, some haze to the west.
How Cold? (at 700m)	8C, locally rising to 9C east fells, and may start slightly milder in the Yorks Dales NP. Feeling near 0C in strongest wind.
And in the valleys	10 to 12C most of the day, may rise slightly, particularly east valleys, but will vary around showers.

Yorkshire Dales & North Pennines - Looking Ahead

	Friday 18 September	Saturday 19 September
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly 30-35mph in morning, shifting southwesterly, strengthening to a gusty 40-50mph later, strongest N Pennines. Generally strenuous in exposure, deteriorating during day to make walking arduous; notable wind chill.	Southwesterly 30 to 45mph, strongest on higher North Pennines. Strenuous-to-arduous walking conditions, frequent buffeting on high exposed terrain. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain sets in later afternoon A few spots of drizzly rain on west fells from Howgills to Ingleton, but largely dry into afternoon, then patchy rain arrives from the west, steadier rain setting in with time, some heavier in west. Rain and drizzle continues into evening.	Showers Showery rain most common over western Yorks Dales south of Tebay. Elsewhere a scattering of mostly brief showers in the wind.
Cloud on the hills?	Breaking above summits, later returning more widely Cloud banks over most high fells, more extensive to the west at first, but lifting and breaking up, increasingly breaking above summits. Later, cloud returns to summits, filling in with time, bases to 500-600m widely on west fells.	Lifting toward or above tops Banks of cloud mostly higher and western tops in the morning, lifting mostly above 700-800m with breaks to many tops forming into middle of day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%, lowering to 50%, further deteriorating later in day.	50% rising to 80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine, trending overcast with time. Hazy at best, visibility deteriorating later as cloud and rain arrive.	Glimpses of sun west, longer periods of sun eastern dales. Visibility good where dry, slight haze especially west, reduced in showers.
How Cold? (at 700m) And in the valleys	7C rising to 10C afternoon, further rising a few degrees into nighttime. Feeling just above 0C in direct wind. 8 or 9C at dawn, rising to 12 or 13C afternoon, only slight drop (if any) into night, feeling more humid.	8 or 9C, trending slightly cooler later in the daytime. Feeling like 0 to -3C directly in the wind. 12C at dawn, up to 16C afternoon.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 18 September, 2026

Sustained gale-force winds continue extensively on the mountains into the weekend, southwesterly turning westerly with time. Frequent rain over western hills, showers passing eastwards, tending to fade during Sunday as higher pressure begins to build from the south, allowing wind speeds to lessen too over England & Wales. Warmer into early next week, though higher humidity brings more cloud some drizzly rain to the west. A generally more promising forecast for late September as high pressure nearby offers drier and warmer weather for more places. Weather systems grazing past Scotland to the north still bring locally stronger winds and occasional rain mainly to the northwest.

Forecast issued at 16:01 on Wednesday, 16 September, 2026

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