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Southern Uplands

The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).



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General Summary for Monday, 29 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 29 April, 2024

Deteriorating - early in the day on many more western areas - as strengthening winds, rain and low cloud associated with a front extends slowly eastwards. The rain will amount to little southern Pennines, and largely dry until later in the day northern Scotland (where precipitation initially snow on the Munros).

Headline for Southern Uplands

Increasingly windy, especially west; extensive rain.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 29 April, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly between 20 and 30mph - tending to strengthen through morning; perhaps for a few hours 40 or 45mph Galloway.	
Effect of wind on you?	Mainly west from Moffat area, will impede ease of walking widely, sometimes giving considerable buffeting and wind chill, particularly Galloway.	
How wet?	Extensive rain, particularly west from Moffat hills	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Rain, sometimes heavy, most of the day, although toward the Lothians and The Cheviot, little or no rain morning, and even then, amounting to very little.	
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive west; very little east	
	Nearly all higher hills persistently foggy, the cloud forming near or below 300m Galloway and 450m east to the Moffat area. Toward the Lothians, hills substantially cloud free, whilst cloud often confined above 500 or 600m on the Cheviots.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% east; almost nil west	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensively sunless - although glimpses of sun near the Lothians and Cheviots where visibility often excellent. Elsewhere visibility extensively poor.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C rising to 4 to 6C, coldest west of M74. Will feel as cold as minus 9C directly in wind in Galloway.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	

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Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 30 April	Wednesday 1 May
How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly speeds may well vary: typically 20mph Borders, but toward and west of M74, 35 to sometimes 40mph.	Southeasterly between 10 and 20mph: generally strongest in the morning.
Effect of wind on you?	Likely to impede ease of walking on higher areas, and toward Galloway give considerable buffeting and wind chill on some slopes.	Small
How wet?	Rain, mainly west of M74	A little rain here and there.
(Precipitation and its impact)	East of M74: Risk of a few bursts of rain, but extensively dry. West of M74: Rain from time to time, generally amounting to little, but setting in for periods Galloway.	Rain and drizzle on and off before dawn will continue into the day in some areas, but through the morning nearly all fizzle out. Risk scattered heavier showers afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly very little, but perhaps exetnsive Galloway	All or nearly all clearing
	Fragments on higher slopes will clear most areas by mid morning. But in Galloway, particularly near the coast, fog may persist on the hills most of the day, sometimes below 300m near the coast and 450m well inland.	Very varied cloud base from dawn, in places covering lowest slopes, whilst in there areas higher areas are between cloud layers. Slowly the cloud will break up; by midday or early afternoon, summits cloud free.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	20% rising to 80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun, mainly Borders, through layers of high level cloud. Good visibility although a haze, particularly Galloway.	Cloud layers gradually thinning and breaking to give a patchwork of sun. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	5 rising to 9C, although near 7C Galloway - where will feel as cold as minus 5C directly in the wind.	6C to 10C, warmest east of M74 in afternoon.
Freezing Level	Above the summits,	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 30 April, 2024

Considerably warmer this week. Rain from time to time, although from Wednesday largely dry in Scotland and perhaps N England - although the risk of bursts of rain, perhaps thunder. Wales will be most prone to further rain. As yet, considerable uncertainty in the detail next weekend, although ensemble of forecast models suggest light wind, fairly warm with some sunshine. Most uncertain is the extent and locations of possible showery rain or thunderstorms.

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