

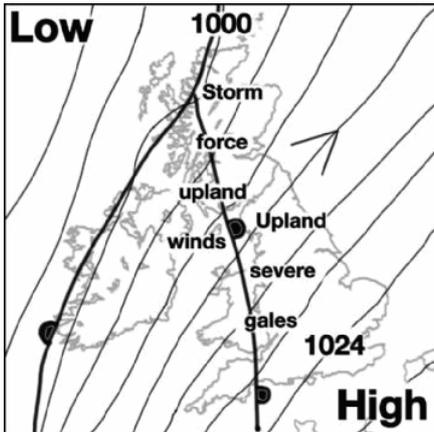
Southeastern Highlands

The southern highlands as far west as the central highlands and north to Ben Alder, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Tuesday, 23 February, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 February, 2021

Active fronts edging east across Britain will bring widespread severe conditions: Storm force upland winds and incessantly heavy rain (initially snow Scottish Highlands) to most western mountains. Conditions a little less severe E/S Wales and S Pennines, where little rain but gales still severe.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Storm force upland winds; snow then rain - torrential Perthshire.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 23 February, 2021

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly, 50 to 70mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Rapid increase of speed with height will make mobility very difficult or tortuous where exposed on higher terrain. Even on lower terrain ferocious gusts may blow you over. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain, rarely ceasing Perthshire Soon deteriorating as relentless heavy or torrential rain extends east, although less heavy with chance of breaks Angus & Ochils. Snow above 600m, turning to rain middle of day.
Cloud on the hills?	Soon very extensive Soon deteriorating from west across Perthshire as cloud envelops most hills, cloud base 500 to 850m. However, summits in Angus and the Ochils may be substantially cloud free - perhaps all day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare pockets of weak sun, mainly east of Glenshee and near Ochils. Widely very poor visibility, but often good Ochils and Angus.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C rising to 2C. Will feel as cold as minus 15 Celsius directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	600 to 800m morning, but will rise above all summits.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 24 February	Thursday 25 February
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 30-40mph, strongest central highlands.	Southwest to westerly 35-40mph but 30mph Ochils.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking difficult on many higher areas and wind chill significant.	Walking widely arduous on higher areas, and in places difficult.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little if any rain Previous rain is now likely to have largely cleared, although the risk remaining of one or two further periods of rain through the day. Very wet underfoot with burns in spate, some flooding of rivers and paths.	Occasional snow and hail showers From late morning, occasional mostly brief showers: hail and above 500m snow.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive on higher areas Cloud base rising from dawn, typically 650m from late morning - although should rain persist, expect cloud to persist from lower slopes up.	Confined to higher tops Cloud base will change as showers come and go. Typically, cloud rare below 600m and general cloud base 1000m. Near and east of Glenshee and on Ochils, by late morning, cloud only rarely covering higher tops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A few glimpses of weak sunshine. Visibility mostly very good.	Patchwork of sunshine, most extensive near and east of Glenshee. Excellent visibility, but temporarily poor in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C	0C
Freezing Level	Above the summits	900m

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 24 February, 2021**

Very much drier later this week as pressure rises markedly, initially across southern Britain. Fronts may bring occasional rain, mainly to the NW highlands (where also windy) until the weekend, but then all areas will probably become dry - and the wind dropping. Temperature wise, the Scottish Munros frequently sub-freezing, but summits elsewhere mostly above freezing point.

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