

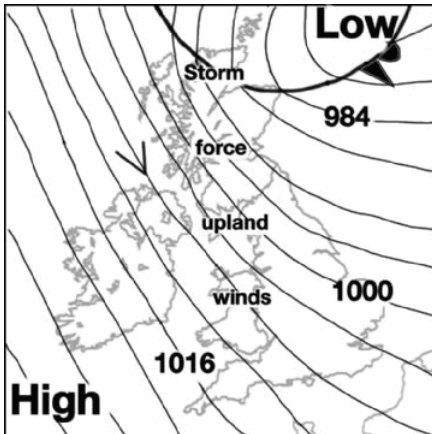
Southeastern Highlands

The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area 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 Sunday, 22 December, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 22 December, 2024

Very severe conditions due to widespread storm force northwesterly winds across the mountains. Frequent snow showers will come in off the sea, extending well inland and in some areas merging to give almost constant snow and whiteout for a few hours.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Storm force upland wind. Snow showers.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 22 December, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northwesterly 55 to 75mph; particularly gusty near precipitation.
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous walking on lower slopes, whilst higher up severe wind chill and any mobility sometimes challenging.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow showers or flurries Snow showers, possibly frequently over a couple of hours although near and south of Loch Tay only flurries. Rain only lowest slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive across higher areas Cloud base typically 900 to perhaps 1100m by late morning, although near showers, patches around 600m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine, particularly toward central belt. Very varied visibility, sometimes excellent, but very poor or appalling in snow/blowing snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C, slight rise through day. Will feel as cold as minus 19C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	600m; will rise marginally through daylight.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 23 December	Tuesday 24 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West later southwesterly; a lull to around 20mph morning, then strengthening toward 35 or by dusk 40mph. Mostly small; but anticipate a change in afternoon to considerable wind chill and more strenuous walking.	Southwesterly 45mph; perhaps a little less strong south of Loch Tay and particularly Ochils. Very difficult conditions where exposed on higher areas; significant wind chill and walking strenuous; balance/foot placement not easy.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk rain later in day Rain, or temporarily snow or refrozen rain above 600m, spreading east afternoon - probably not reaching east of A9 until about dusk.	Frequent rain, mainly west of A9 Rain and drizzle almost constantly central highlands and frequently east to the A9. Further east the rain occasional, if any at all (particularly near and east of Glenshee).
Cloud on the hills?	Confined to higher tops; highest cloud base south of Cairngorms Cloud lifting to above 900 to 1100m for a few hours, and may well all clear toward and east of Glenshee. But risk deterioration as cloud fills in above 600-800m in precipitation toward dusk.	Blanket of cloud across even most lower slopes. Cloud base widely below 300 or 400m but toward and east of Glenshee, a little higher, but rarely above 600m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% west of A9 to 60% east	Almost nil
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine as cloud thickens from west. Visibility excellent.	Occasional sunshine possible in a few eastern valleys Widely hazy, but visibility mostly excellent toward and east of Glenshee and Ochils.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-2C rising to 0 to 2C toward or after dusk. Will feel as cold as minus 7C directly in the wind. 700m, starting to transition to above the summits toward evening.	6C. Will feel as cold as minus 8C where exposed to the wind Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 23 December, 2024**

A change in the weather pattern from Tuesday as high pressure progressively envelops Wales and England. Here (and also in S Scotland), extensively dry and the and progressively dropping, initially across Wales. Mild - although frost in valleys some nights. Still windy Scottish Highlands, here very mild with lying snow substantially melting. Rain frequent NW Highlands, and less so W Highlands. Further east little or no rain.

Forecast issued at 12:03 on Saturday, 21 December, 2024

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