

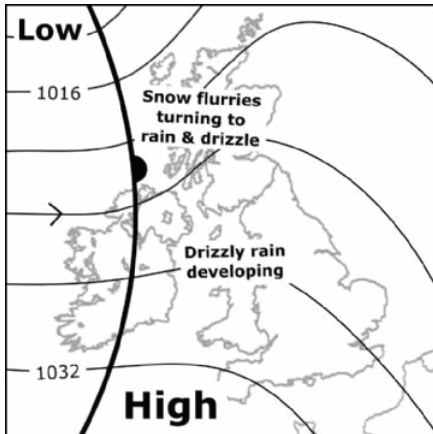
Southeastern Highlands

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 Monday, 23 December, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 December, 2024

A warm front arriving from the west brings rain preceded by snow or freezing rain on higher slopes - later much milder, well above freezing to all tops. A brief lull, but winds strengthening during the day in Scotland. Windy from dawn Pennines & Wales then a brief lull develops here during day.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Wind increasing afternoon, snow flurries then rain arriving.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 23 December, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	West later southwesterly; a lull to around 20mph morning, then strengthening during afternoon toward 35 or by dusk 40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, but changing during afternoon to considerable wind chill and more strenuous walking by dusk.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow flurries, rain later in day Dry most or all morning, then rain, or temporarily snow or refrozen rain above 600m, spreading east by middle of day into afternoon - little reaching easternmost hills until about dusk. Damp to high tops by evening.
Cloud on the hills?	Confined to higher tops; highest cloud base east. Cloud lifting to above 900 to 1100m for a few hours, and for a time all clearing toward and east of Glenshee. Deteriorating afternoon as cloud fills in above 600-800m in precipitation.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% west of A9 to 60% east; later 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine as cloud thickens from west. Visibility excellent, reducing as precipitation develops.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C rising to 0 to 2C toward dusk; then 6C+ into night. Will feel as cold as minus 7C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	700m, starting to transition to above the summits toward evening.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 24 December	Wednesday 25 December
<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Southwesterly 45mph; perhaps a little less strong south of Loch Tay and particularly Ochils.</p> <p>Very difficult conditions where exposed on higher areas; significant wind chill and walking strenuous; balance/foot placement not easy.</p>	<p>Southwesterly 45 to 55mph; marked increase with height, sudden gusts in high passes and locally downslope to east.</p> <p>Arduous walking, balance very difficult on exposed higher terrain, gusts may knock you over. Significant wind chill.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Frequent rain, mainly west of A9</p> <p>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).</p>	<p>Little or no rain</p> <p>Feeling damp with spots in the wind at times mostly west of the A9. Generally dry toward and east of Glenshee.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p>	<p>Blanket of cloud across even most lower slopes.</p> <p>Cloud base widely below 300 or 400m but toward and east of Glenshee, a little higher, but rarely above 600m.</p>	<p>Extensive, lowest west</p> <p>Blanket cloud across the hills, from 400 to 600m, most persistently low central highlands and Ochils. Further east, up to 600-700m with local higher breaks.</p>
<p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Almost nil</p>	<p>Below 10%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Occasional sunshine possible in a few eastern valleys.</p> <p>Widely hazy, but visibility mostly excellent toward and east of Glenshee and Ochils.</p>	<p>Overcast, dull toward west, local glimpses of sun toward lower eastern hills.</p> <p>Hazy west, visibility good below cloud east.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>6C.</p> <p>Will feel as cold as minus 8C where exposed to the wind</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>	<p>5C, locally warmer eastern areas.</p> <p>Wind chill makes it feel as cold as -10C.</p> <p>Above the summits</p>

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 24 December, 2024

West to southwesterly winds prevail through Christmas, gales over higher terrain, strongest in Scotland. The wind likely eases into Boxing Day as high pressure expands northwards. Mild for all through midweek, damp across western hills with extensive very low cloud; recent snow cover continually melting. Higher cloud bases and brighter further east. A risk of westerly winds strengthening again into the weekend, particularly Scotland. Some indication of colder air returning from the northwest into the New Year period.

Forecast issued at 15:00 on Sunday, 22 December, 2024

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