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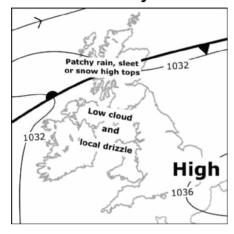
Southeastern Highlands

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 Thursday, 26 December, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 26 December, 2024

A front extending across Scotland brings mostly light rain, or toward the north sleet and wet snow on Munros. The far north likely drier and clearer. Variable southwesterly winds, gusty in places, but locally low speeds through the Highlands. England & Wales mild with low cloud and a little drizzle in the west.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Low cloud, periods of drizzle, light rain. Gusty wind in places.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 26 December, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 20mph, risk gusty 30mph around some mountains. Further away from the central belt, more variable with local lulls, then some gusty slopes.	
Effect of wind on you?	In places often small, but expect gusty breeze which may affect balance on some exposed slopes, not just higher tops.	
How wet?	Drizzle, light rain through the day	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly rain coming and going on higher terrain, most persistent central highlands. Driest in the lee of eastern mountains. Rain patchier into the afternoon, locally fading out at times.	
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive coverage west, higher east.	
	Bases between 600-800m central highlands, possibly lower in drizzly rain. Easternmost areas likely to see higher bases, some breaks above highest tops.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10% central highlands, 30% on easternmost hills.	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly overcast, occasional bright spells in the east. Visibility mostly moderate, poor in drizzle.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	3 to 5C. Wind chill feels like -5C if exposed to higher speeds.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	

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Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 27 December	Saturday 28 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 20 to 30mph, in places 35mph around higher summits. Fairly small, but gusty around some higher slopes, affecting balance where exposed; noticeable wind chill on tops.	West to southwesterly, 25 to 40mph, speeds may vary during day, then likely to strengthen further into night. Frequent buffeting over higher exposed terrain. Considerable wind chill.
How wet?	A little rain mostly west	Occasional showers, snow tops
(Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional light rain or drizzle, mostly central highlands and Ochils. Little reaching Glenshee eastwards.	Showery rain on and off west of the A9, snow falling on higher Munros. More often dry east from Glenshee.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, lowest west	Mostly high tops, breaks east
	Shrouding the mountains widely, lowest cloud base west of the A9, 500 to 700m, locally lower in rain. Further east, mostly above 700-800m brief higher breaks.	Banks of cloud likely to come and go over central highlands, mostly above 900-1000m. Clearing higher up at times east.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, misty around light rain in west. Visibility good where dry and below cloud, local glimpses of sun toward east.	A little sun breaking through, mainly east. Visibility often very good, but reduced in showers.
How Cold? (at	3 to 5C.	3C.
900m)	Feeling like -5C where exposed to wind.	Wind chill feeling near -10C on tops.
Freezing Level	Above the summits	1200m.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 27 December, 2024

Mild southwesterlies for the rest of this week with little if any remaining lying snow on the mountains. Cooler by the weekend - near to freezing over the Munros on Saturday, then colder in northern Scotland by Sunday. A mix of rain and high-level snowfall (in Scotland), most frequent precipitation in western Scotland, heavy at times. Through the New Year period, generally unsettled with areas of low pressure bringing more widespread precipitation and spells of gales, but likely becoming colder for all with upland snow more widely.

Forecast issued at 14:00 on Wednesday, 25 December, 2024

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