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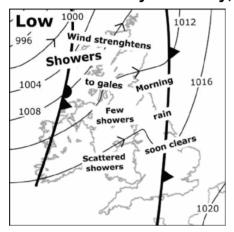
Southeastern Highlands

The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Ericht, 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 Friday, 12 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 12 December, 2025

Increasingly blustery north England and Scotland, gales over Scottish Highlands; lighter wind Pennines and Wales. Early patchy rain over east Scotland and the Pennines soon clears, slowest south Pennines; many hills then cloud-free. Scattered showers onto west coasts, most frequent and heavy west-central Scotland.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Wind strengthens, gales later; dry, many clear slopes

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 12 December, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 20-25mph from dawn, strengthening during day, reaching 35-45mph over tops, strongest over exposed terrain in central highlands.	
Effect of wind on you?	Walking increasingly strenuous, later arduous in exposure, particularly central highlands where strongest gusts will challenge stability. Wind chill becoming considerable.	
How wet?	Overnight rain soon clears for a dry day	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain east of the A9 at dawn, this band of rain soon clearing to the east for a dry day.	
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly high tops, particularly west	
	Banks of cloud will frequent the tops west of the A9, also often over the tops east of the A9 near the east lowlands. Some breaks for a time early but lower banks may become more frequent later.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine, best on lower slopes. Very good visibility.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	2C, lowering slightly during the day, locally to 0C towards central highlands. Feeling like -13C in strongest wind.	
Freezing Level	At or just above the high summits at dawn, gradually lowering to 1000-1100m.	

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Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 13 December	Sunday 14 December
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly, strengthening during daytime from 40-50mph to 70-75mph, risk stronger gusts toward afternoon/evening.	A gusty southwesterly, sustained winds between 40-55mph, may strengthen further. Gusts to middle slopes.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions from mid-elevations upward, increasingly any mobility difficult, significant wind chill.	Strong gusty winds will challenge balance and stability all day, including less exposed slopes. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Rain developing, most in the west	Most rain west
(Precipitation and its impact)	Some spotty rain west in the wind early, dry east. Through afternoon, rain setting in persistently west of A9 with an increase of heavy falls. Rain will spread east, but remain lighter/patchier near Glenshee during daylight.	Often raining west of the A9. Patches will drift eastward with heavy falls, a risk of setting in more widely for periods.
Cloud on the hills?	Increasingly extensive, lowering	Fairly extensive, some high breaks east
	Varied banks of cloud in morning, but may cover many upper slopes, some mid-heights near Callander/Loch Tay. Increasingly filling in and lowering across all hills, later from many lower slopes upward.	Blanket cloud over high terrain around and west of A9, variable bases between 600-900m. Generally higher bases towards/east of Glenshee, local breaks possible but also may fill in during rain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	10% west, 30% east
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, high cloud thickening. Visibility good in morning, reducing later, poor if in rain.	Glimpses of weak sun near Lochnagar. Visibility variable, poor at times central highlands, very good out of rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1C rising steadily to later reach 5C, remaining elevated overnight. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C.	5 to 7C, variable. Feeling like -5 to -8C in the wind.
Freezing Level	1000 to 1200m up to dawn, gradually rising, above all summits with time.	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 13 December, 2025

Staying unsettled through the weekend and next week as southwesterly winds prevail and low pressure systems pass to the northwest of Scotland; sustained gales over the mountains, severe or stormy for periods. Rainfall will be frequent and heavy for periods, sometimes showery with hail in the west. Expect very wet ground conditions and further flooding of streams and some rivers. Best chance for dry and bright periods central and south Pennines, though these fleeting. Mild for the time of year, temperatures only just below freezing intermittently on higher Scottish tops, even here will experience spells above freezing with thawing, any lying snow patchy, but beware some icy surfaces on the very highest tops where some refreezing occurs.

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