

Southeastern Highlands

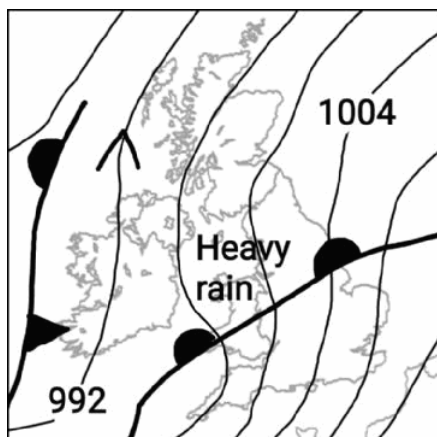
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Erich, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Thursday, 18 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 18 December, 2025

Scotland: South to south-west gales bringing hill fog and showers, before band of heavy, perhaps squally, rain moves up from the southwest in afternoon, snow tops.

England and Wales: Heavy rain spreading north with hill fog becoming extensive with strong to gale force southerly winds.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Southerly gales, significant wind chill. Band of heavy rain, snow tops, later.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 18 December, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southwesterly 40 to 50mph, risk 60mph in places around higher summits, very gusty on some downslopes.
Effect of wind on you?	Ongoing arduous conditions over higher terrain, walking often difficult in exposure, significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain / snow tops setting in later Patchy showers west, snow flurries above 900m, but often dry for several hours. Heavy rain moving in from southwest afternoon, snow on higher terrain. Showery onward into the night with hail.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, varied then lowering Cloud banks often covering many hills, lowest over southern slopes, local breaks some areas may be between cloud layers. Filling in widely in afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, some sun through high cloud; visibility locally good, but often misty many slopes, widely poor if rain develops.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1 to 3C, then lowering just below 0C into night. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C on tops.
Freezing Level	1000 to 1200m, tending to rise a little during daytime, then dropping into night to 800-900m.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 19 December	Saturday 20 December
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 50 to 70mph.	South to south-easterly 25 to 40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult conditions over the mountains, frequent buffeting from modest elevations upward. Significant wind chill.	Walking very likely arduous for periods with a very gusty and turbulent airflow. Significant wind chill and buffeting.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers mostly west, hail, snow tops Showery precipitation most common in central highlands, with hail, also falling as snow above 800m. Becoming more scattered later in the day. Few showers reaching eastern hills.	Pockets of drizzle May well be often dry, but scope for pockets of drizzle to fall from the fairly extensive low cloud.
Cloud on the hills?	Most frequent western tops, breaks east Often covering higher slopes west of the A9, base varying 700-900m. Often above 900-1000m eastwards, breaks likely best east from Glenshee.	Fairly extensive Banks of low cloud are expected to be fairly extensive across the hills through the day with bases generally around 400-700m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun, best toward east. Visibility often very good, but at times very poor in showers in west.	Little or no sun Visibility good, but poor in any rain or drizzle. General haze west coast.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to 1C, slight rise later. Feeling like -15C directly in the wind.	2 or 3C, small rate of change in temperature with height.
Freezing Level	900 to 1000m, may then rise a little to 1200m onward into the night.	Around 1200m

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 19 December, 2025

South-southwesterly winds widely remain gale force over the mountains later this week and through into Saturday, severe upland gales for periods. Showery on Friday, most frequent in western Scotland with hail, also snow over tops. Another belt of persistent rain likely arrives onto western hills into Saturday, snow only highest Scottish tops. A switch to east-southeasterly winds by Sunday into early next week, some residual rain and high-level snow, but a drier theme develops and favouring chillier conditions into the Christmas period.

Forecast issued at 16:35 on Wednesday, 17 December, 2025

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