

# Southeastern Highlands

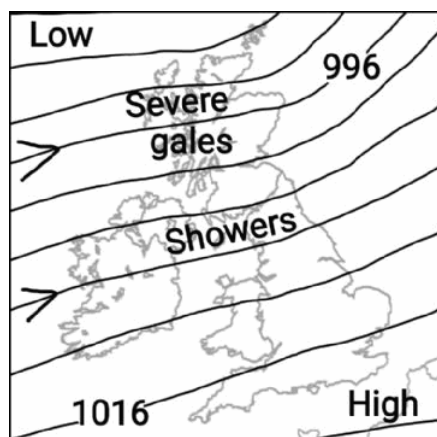
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Erich, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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### General Summary for Friday, 19 December, 2025



#### British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 19 December, 2025

Southwesterly gales, severe across the Highlands, giving significant wind chill and showers. Showers frequent western Scotland, with snow falling down to 800m with hail and risk lightning. Scattered showers for England and Wales where hill fog confined to western tops.

#### Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Severe gales; significant wind chill. Showers, mostly west, snow tops.

### Detailed Forecast for Friday, 19 December, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southwesterly 50 to 70mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Difficult conditions over the mountains, frequent buffeting from modest elevations upward. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Showers mostly west, hail, snow tops</b> 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.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Most frequent western tops, breaks east</b> Often covering higher slopes west of the A9, base varying 700-900m. Often above 900-1000m eastwards, breaks likely best east from Glenshee.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun, best toward east. Visibility often very good, but at times very poor in showers in west.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	0 to 1C, slight rise later. Feeling like -15C directly in the wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	900 to 1000m, may then rise a little to 1200m onward into the night.

## Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 20 December	Sunday 21 December
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	South to south-easterly 25 to 40mph.	South-easterly backing easterly 20 to 30mph, perhaps lifting to 40mph at times.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking very likely arduous for periods with a very gusty and turbulent airflow. Significant wind chill and buffeting.</b>	<b>Blustery, turbulent airflow with significant wind chill. Sudden gusts running downslope and reversals in direction.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Pockets of drizzle</b> May well be often dry, but scope for pockets of drizzle to fall from the fairly extensive low cloud.	<b>Patchy rain and summit snow</b> A few patches of rain or summit snow may feed in from the east or south-east at times. Small amounts and may well be dry for several hours.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Fairly extensive</b>  Banks of low cloud are expected to be fairly extensive across the hills through the day with bases generally around 400-700m.	<b>Extensive</b>  Very likely hills shrouded in low cloud for much of the day with bases varying, but often from mid slopes upwards. Patches to lower slopes too.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun  Visibility good, but poor in any rain or drizzle. General haze west coast.	Mostly overcast.  Visibility good at times, but poor in any rain or snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	2 or 3C, small rate of change in temperature with height.	Around 1C, small change in temperature with height. Feeling closer to -10C in the wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Around 1200m	Around 1000m

## Planning Outlook

## All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 20 December, 2025

A switch to east-southeasterly winds by Sunday into early next week, some residual rain and high-level snow, but a drier and colder theme develops into the Christmas period and perhaps into the New Year, as high pressure builds to the north and northeast. An extensive cloud sheet will likely come in from the North Sea over many days with light snow showers or flurries likely, rain to lower slopes, but many areas dry. Best breaks in the west.

## Forecast issued at 16:26 on Thursday, 18 December, 2025

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