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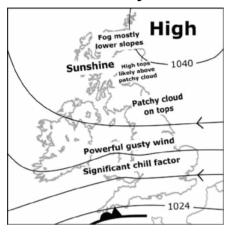
Southeastern Highlands

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 Thursday, 25 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 25 December, 2025

Dry with sunshine best in west and northern Scotland, high terrain warmer than many lower slopes, local low-level fog. High summits SE Highlands likely just above patchy cloud. Mostly cloudy Pennines, grazing tops, clearer westward across the Lakes. Gusty easterly winds, strongest further south, gale-force in Wales.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Varied cloud banks, highest tops just above; gusty wind.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 25 December, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly 15-20mph, some gustiness. Locally reaching 25mph near Callander.	
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small though turbulent gusts likely across upper elevations, on some slopes walking more uncomfortable on hills near the Central Belt.	
How wet?	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Chance of local fine drizzle if locally in cloud on slopes facing the east lowlands.	
Cloud on the hills?	Ils? Often on mid and upper slopes, most east; highest summits near/above inversion	
	A fairly extensive blanket of cloud often cloaks the middle slopes. Lowest bases east of the A9/Angus hills around 600m, and best of breaks towards central highlands. Higher tops above 1000m near or above this cloud layer.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40% (very highest tops likely above cloud).	
Sunshine?	Best chance of sun breaks towards central highlands, likely sunny on the highest tops too above 1000-1100m.	
Air clarity (below cloud)	Excellent visibility out of cloud, dull some lower eastern areas.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1 or 0C, little change or a slight rise in temperature with added height, up to 3C on highest summits. Feeling like -8C in stronger wind.	
Freezing Level	Poorly defined: freezing on some middle and upper slopes, most widely southern areas; patchy frost in some glens.	

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Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 26 December	Saturday 27 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Easterly 10 to 20mph, tending to increase a little during daytime, gusty around some higher summits. Fairly small, but in places sudden gusty spots feeling more noticeable and colder.	Easterly 20 to 30mph, stronger gusts around some slopes, not just highest tops. Blustery in places, some buffeting gusts may affect balance, giving a distinct chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation very unlikely Small chance of brief snow grains locally on eastern hills.	Rare light precipitation Largely dry; a few brief spots of light rain, or snow grains on some slopes, mainly in the morning.
Cloud on the hills?	Risk cloud banks particularly east Uncertain extent of cloud banks coming in from the east, may drift across slopes between 600 and 1000m and persist in east. More broken Loch Tay area, some highest tops may be above cloud.	Patches some slopes, tops likely clear Patchy cloud mostly between 700 and 1000m, most common in east, well broken westwards and may break more widely; higher tops generally above cloud.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Variable cloud and sun, best toward western central highlands. Visibility excellent away from patchy cloud.	Broken cloud and sun, best west of A9, but high tops may be generally sunny. Visibility excellent out of cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	0 to 2C, small variation with height, some corries and glens stay colder, whilst highest tops may be slightly warmer. Frost in most glens, terrain at least partly frozen higher up, but air temperature likely above freezing on high tops.	0 to 2C; slightly warmer on highest tops above an inversion. Feeling like -7 to -10C in stronger wind. Varied partly frozen terrain, including frost into the glens, but above freezing some mid-slopes and on highest tops.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 26 December, 2025

Dry weather continues into the weekend as a strong area of high pressure resides near or north of Scotland. Inversion conditions Scottish mountains, high tops generally above freezing and above most patchy cloud, some frost and fog in glens. Gusty east-northeasterly wind increasing for Scotland by Saturday, easing again for Sunday. Strong and gusty winds prevail for England and Wales, often cloudy, a little light rain occasionally Pennines; some sun toward west. Next week stays dry for many, local showers northern Scotland, possibly turning chillier with northerly winds.

*** Wishing you a very happy Christmas and New Year from all the team at MWIS ***

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