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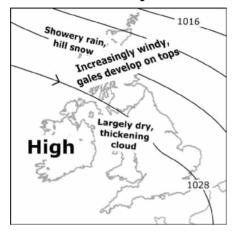
Southeastern Highlands

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 Wednesday, 31 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 31 December, 2025

Much terrain frozen, frost into valleys and glens in the morning, all day out of sunlight, but temperature and freezing level tending to lift toward 800m from west. Showery rain and hill snow moving into W-NW Scotland. Wind strengthening, becoming gales over tops in Scotland during day, then N England after dark.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Increasingly windy, gales later tops. Local snow flurries develop.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 31 December, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 20 to 30mph, increasing through day to 30 to 40mph, then nearer 50mph into evening on high tops. Turning northwesterly but remaining 40-50mph onward into night.		
Effect of wind on you?	Be prepared for increasingly fairly arduous conditions through the day with significant buffeting and wind chill.		
How wet?	Mostly dry, snow flurries west, more persistent into evening		
(Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry daytime, especially east of the A9, but a few patches of light rain and snow develop from west afternoon. Snow falling above 500 to later 800m. More frequent rain and hill snow later evening, clearing south after midnight.		
Cloud on the hills?	Lowering onto hills from west		
	Starting largely clear over the mountains, some early fog in glens, but increasingly patchy cloud will move in from the west to cover upper slopes or tops, mostly above 800-900m. Eastern mountains clearer much of daytime.		
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40% in west, 70% in east.		
Sunshine?	Patches of sun, increasingly confined to east and cloud builds in.		
Air clarity (below cloud)	Visibility mostly very good, but poorer later in any precipitation.		
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 or -1C, will then drop to -3C into night. Feeling like-10C, later -15C in the strongest winds during day.		
Freezing Level	Freezing at all levels at first, well below freezing in glens, before freezing level rises through day to 700-900m. Then overnight lowering to 500-600m.		

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Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 1 January	Friday 2 January
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northwesterly 40 to 50mph, strongest eastern tops, may reach 60mph in places, squally gusts in showers. Arduous walking conditions in exposure, difficult with constant buffeting high tops. Significant wind chill, severe higher up.	Northerly 30 to 40mph. Severe wind chill over the mountains. Frequent buffeting in exposure on higher terrain.
How wet?	Brief snow showers	Local snow and hail showers
(Precipitation and its impact)	Often dry much of southern Highlands, but well scattered showers coming in from the northwest, falling as snow flurries to lower slopes, chance of brief hail.	Scattered showers coming in from the north, most frequent near and east of Glenshee, falling as snow or hail to lowest slopes. More often dry central highlands.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly high tops with breaks	Varied patches on tops
	Patches moving over higher slopes mostly above 900-1000m, breaking for periods above most tops.	Cloud likely to come and go above 900 to 1000m, sometimes 700m if in showers locally. Some breaks to highest tops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine. Visibility often very good, but reduced briefly in snow and cloud.	Bursts of sunshine. Visibility excellent away from showers, but very poor where snow falls or blows around and also if in cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3C, falling to -5C into night. Wind chill feeling like -15C, to -20C higher Cairngorms.	-6C. Wind chill feeling like -17 to -20C on tops.
Freezing Level	400 to 600m; staying near to freezing all day in some glens, soon sub-zero from dusk all elevations.	Terrain widely frozen, sub-zero all day glens upward.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 1 January, 2026

Significantly cold wintry conditions into the start of January. Air temperature well below freezing on high terrain, plus low minima into many glens and valleys with sustained hard frost. Strong northerly winds later this week giving severe wind chill. Frequent and heavy snow showers moving into northern areas and running down coastal extremities with significant accumulations. Elsewhere, lots of dry and sunny weather, although occasional organised bands of snow will feed south at times in the Arctic airflow. Staying cold into next week with scope for snowfalls more widely.

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