

Southeastern Highlands

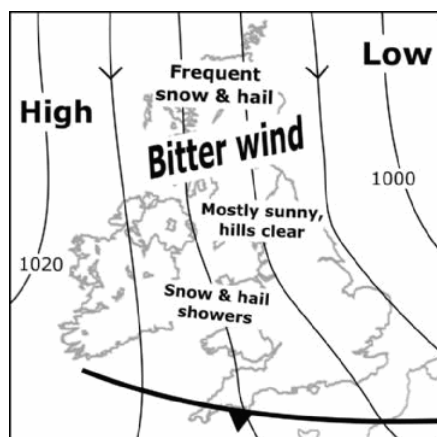
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Ericht, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Friday, 2 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 2 January, 2026

Bitterly cold north-northwesterly winds, gale-force over many hills, typically strongest in morning, again late in day Scotland. Frequent snow and hail northern Scotland, blizzard conditions on mountains. Showers also affect Wales. Mostly dry, sunny and clear hills N England & S Scotland. Most terrain frozen.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Gales on tops, severe chill factor. Snow and hail showers.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 2 January, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 50-60mph gusts 70mph from before dawn and for an hour or so around sunrise, tending to ease gradually during morning, to 35-40mph middle of day, then strengthening again 40-50mph from dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Severe wind chill over the mountains. Difficult conditions early morning, mobility challenging, some improvement, but frequent buffeting on higher terrain. Deteriorating again into evening.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Local snow and hail showers 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 toward the south of Loch Tay.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied patches on tops Cloud likely to come and go above 900 to 1000m, sometimes 700m if in showers locally. Some breaks to highest tops, best toward the south of Ben Lawers group.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40% N of Loch Tay and Glenshee areas, to 60% south.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below 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)	-6C. Wind chill feeling like -17 to -20C on tops.
Freezing Level	Terrain widely frozen, sub-zero all day glens upward; partial thawing only sunlit lower slopes.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 3 January	Sunday 4 January
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	North to northwesterly 40 to 55mph, strongest on eastern tops, squally gusts in showers. Continued severe wind chill over the mountains. Frequent buffeting on exposed terrain, challenging on eastern tops.	North to northwesterly 35 to 45mph, strongest on tops east of A9; squally gusts in showers. Continued severe wind chill over the mountains. Frequent buffeting on exposed terrain, challenging on eastern tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Locally frequent snow and hail A stream of showers coming in from the north, mainly affecting areas near/east of Glenshee, snow and hail falling and accumulating into the glens. Scattered showers elsewhere, few toward Ochils.	Locally frequent snow and hail A stream of showers coming in from the north, mainly affecting areas near/east of Glenshee, snow and hail falling and accumulating into the glens. Scattered showers elsewhere, few toward Ochils.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly tops toward north/east Most frequent on tops north of Pitlochry and to east of Glenshee, mostly above 800-900m. Occasional patches grazing tops elsewhere, but often clear southward.	Mostly tops toward north/east Most frequent on tops north of Pitlochry and to east of Glenshee, mostly above 800-900m. Occasional patches grazing tops elsewhere, but often clear west of A9.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50% N/E, to 70% furthest south.	50% N/E, to 70% west of A9
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, more often sunny toward the central lowlands. Visibility excellent, but reduced to locally very poor if in snow and cloud.	Bursts of sunshine, more often sunny toward Loch Tay/Callander. Visibility excellent, but reduced to locally very poor if in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-5 or -6C (to -8C at 1200m). Wind chill feeling like -20C in exposure, nearer -25C on highest eastern tops. Terrain widely frozen, staying sub-zero from glens upward.	-5 or -6C (to -8C above 1200m). Wind chill feeling like -20C in exposure on tops. Terrain widely frozen, staying sub-zero from glens upward.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 3 January, 2026

Terrain extensively frozen this weekend and early next week; sub-zero temperatures from the glens upward in Scotland and some valleys inland in northern England. Substantial fresh snow accumulations in the North West Highlands and Cairngorms, heavy showers streaming in from the north also containing hail. Largely dry and sunny from central Scotland to northern England. Hail and snow showers will run into north and west Wales from the sea. Bitter northerly winds, up to gale force higher tops, lessening somewhat during Sunday. Some fluctuation of freezing level during next week, though most high terrain stays sub-zero, and as fronts come in from the west, upland snowfalls are possible more widely.

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