

Southeastern Highlands

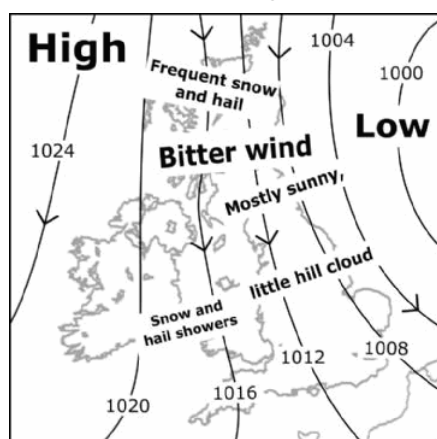
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Erich, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Saturday, 3 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 3 January, 2026

Widespread sub-zero temperatures and wind, gales in northern England and Scotland; wind chill approaching -20C or lower on high summits. Near-constant snow showers in northern Scotland with snowdrifts building; snow showers into central/west Scotland and west Wales too. Mostly sunny southern Scotland and England.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Snow showers mostly east; gales, bitterly cold

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 3 January, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	North to northwesterly 45 to 55mph, strongest on eastern tops, reaching up to 60mph for periods; squally gusts in showers.
Effect of wind on you?	Severe wind chill over the mountains, risk extreme over the highest eastern tops during strongest sustained wind. Challenging conditions, walking difficult on exposed high terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow and hail showers, most frequent east A stream of snow showers coming in from the north, mainly affecting areas near/east of Glenshee, snow and hail falling and accumulating into the glens. Showers increasingly scattered towards the central highlands, few if any reaching to Callander/Ochills.
Cloud on the hills?	Most in the east, increasingly higher and patchy west/southward Most frequent on tops north of Pitlochry and to east of Glenshee, mostly above 800-900m, lower bases during heavier snowfalls. Patches mostly just high terrain towards central highlands. Cloud well-broken and largely only highest tops towards the Central Belt.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% east of A9 to 70% furthest south.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, more often sunny toward the central lowlands. Visibility excellent, but reduced to locally very poor where in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-6C (to -9C on the highest summits). Wind chill feeling like -22C in exposure, nearer -25C or colder on highest eastern summits.
Freezing Level	Terrain widely frozen, staying sub-zero from glens upward.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 4 January	Monday 5 January
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	North to northwesterly 30 to 40mph, locally strong 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.	Northerly 30-35mph, shifting northwesterly, trending lighter late in the day. Continued severe wind chill over the mountains. Frequent buffeting in exposure with strenuous to arduous walking.
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 central highlands, few if any toward Ochils.	Snow showers eastern Munros A stream of showers coming in from the north, mainly affecting areas near/east of Glenshee. Showers well scattered towards central highlands, if any.
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 central highlands tops, largely clear around Callander/Loch Tay.	Mostly tops toward north/east Most frequent on tops north of Pitlochry and to east of Glenshee, mostly above 700-800m. Occasional patches grazing tops elsewhere, but often clear around and west of A9.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50% N/E, to 70% west of A9	50% N/E, to 70% west of A9
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, more often sunny toward Loch Tay/Callander. 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 highest tops). Wind chill feeling like -20C in exposure on tops. Terrain widely frozen, staying sub-zero from glens upward.	-5 or -6C (to -8C above 1200m and at dawn in glens). Wind chill feeling like -20C or colder in exposure on tops. Terrain widely frozen, staying sub-zero from glens upward.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 4 January, 2026

Terrain extensively frozen into early next week; sub-zero temperatures from the glens upward in Scotland and increasingly into valleys in England and Wales. Heavy showers streaming into northern and coastal Scotland, some containing hail, most terrain covered in snow with substantial snowdrifts in the Northwest Highlands and Cairngorms. Largely dry and sunny in southern Scotland and England. Hail and snow showers will run into north and west Wales from the sea. Bitter northerly winds, up to gale force higher tops at times.

More variable next week: 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.

Forecast issued at 15:16 on Friday, 2 January, 2026

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