

Southeastern Highlands

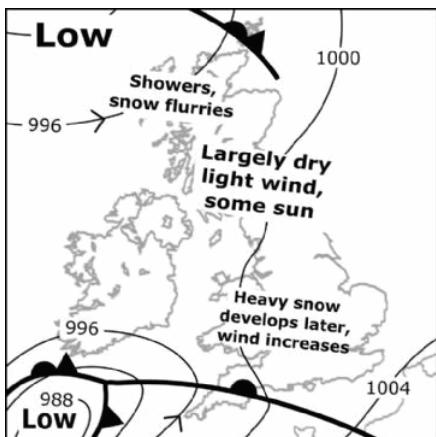
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Ericht, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Thursday, 8 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 8 January, 2026

Fairly benign conditions, breezier in northern Scotland. Local snow flurries, patchy cloud and some sun. A developing system to the southwest moves into Wales with heavy snow setting in increasingly widely later, extending into the Peak District by evening, accompanied by gales.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Mostly light wind. Largely dry, patchy cloud banks.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 8 January, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	South or southwesterly, 10 to 15mph, occasionally 20mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rare if any light snow Substantially dry, chance of occasional light snow flurries locally.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied to fairly extensive Cloud banks around upper slopes and corries, in the central highlands more persistent to mid-slopes. Some mist lower down.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, some glimpses of sun. Visibility good in places, but beware difficult navigation if in fog over snow cover on tops.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3 or -4C.
Freezing Level	Most terrain frozen and snow covered, many glens stay sub-zero. Some lower sunlit slopes rise just above freezing.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 9 January	Saturday 10 January
How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable direction, mostly below 15-20mph, in places often little wind.	Southerly or variable 10 to 20mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Likely small.	Fairly small, but possibly gusty on some slopes, giving marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Local flurries Snow flurries mostly over eastern hills, may fall as sleet on some lower slopes; likely amounting to little.	Rare if any flurries Substantially dry, chance of an odd snow flurry, possibly sleet in places.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied patches Patchy cloud clinging to some upper slopes and corries, filling in locally if snow occurs, but expect clearer spells over central mountains.	Varied patches Patches or fragments of cloud around some slopes and tops, may linger around corries. Some mist possible into glens.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Any sun weak due to a veil of high cloud. Visibility very good over many hills, some haze or mist in glens.	Occasional sun. Visibility mostly very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2 or -3C.	-2 or -3C. Feeling near -10C if in gusty wind.
Freezing Level	Terrain frozen into the glens, some slopes around 300-500m just above freezing point.	Terrain widely frozen from glens upward, some slopes around 400-500m just above freezing point.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 9 January, 2026

Terrain remaining widely frozen into the weekend, extensive deep snow cover for Highlands, less nearer the central belt. A fresh good covering for Wales and south Pennines from Thursday night too. Quiet weather for Saturday daytime. Then into Sunday, southerly winds strengthen to gales - as a frontal system approaches, snow then freezing rain is likely. A rise of freezing level from the southwest - some thawing develops, rising just above freezing toward higher slopes; more pronounced thawing in England and Wales to the tops. Uncertain patterns next week, colder air may return across Scotland, whilst further south often generally milder. Some further hill snow mainly in Scotland.

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