

Southeastern Highlands

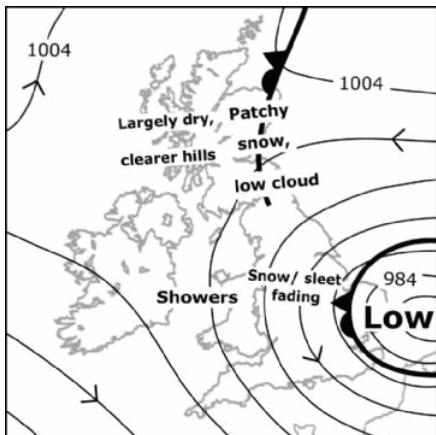
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Ericht, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Friday, 9 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 9 January, 2026

Patchy snowfall and low cloud over the eastern Highlands & N/E Pennines, little if any reaching western Scotland where hills will be clearer, some low-level fog. Extensive fresh snow cover for Wales and Peak District, residual flurries fade, but wind remains strong; showers with hail near west coast of Wales.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Fairly light wind. Snow mostly east, low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 9 January, 2026

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| How windy? (On the Munros) | Variable direction, mainly easterly on eastern hills, 10 to 15mph, at times little wind Loch Tay area, but in places 20mph more eastern hills, possible gusts extending westwards during afternoon. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Mostly small, but noticeably cold if exposed to stronger speeds on some slopes, mainly in east. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Snow flurries in east, some push west Snow flurries mostly over eastern hills, tending to advance gradually westwards during the daytime, may fall as sleet on some lower slopes; amounts mostly small, but locally more persistent east of A9. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Varied patches, becoming more extensive east Patchy cloud clinging to some upper slopes and corries, but often clearer spells over central-western areas. Risk of cloud filling in from the east across higher slopes above 700-900m. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | 60% dropping to 30% from east |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Any sun weak due to a veil of high cloud, cloud thickening from east. Visibility very good toward west, some haze or mist in glens; beware difficult navigation if in fog over snow cover. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | -2 or -3C. Feeling nearer -10C on high tops if breeze increases. |
| Freezing Level | Terrain frozen into the glens, some slopes around 300-500m just above freezing point. |

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

| | Saturday 10 January | Sunday 11 January |
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| How windy? (On the Munros) | Southerly or variable 10 to 20mph. | Southerly, strengthening rapidly up to dawn, in range 45 to 60mph much of daytime, 70mph high tops. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Fairly small, but possibly gusty on some slopes, giving marked wind chill. | Difficult conditions with frequent buffeting and powerful gusts to some lower slopes, significant wind chill. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Rare if any flurries Substantially dry, chance of an odd snow flurry, possibly sleet in places. | Snow setting in, turning to rain Snow developing perhaps quickly from the southwest, setting in widely heavy, but turning to sleet on lower terrain, possibly freezing rain gradually more widely; after dark may become rain higher up. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Varied patches Patches or fragments of cloud around some slopes and tops, may linger around corries. Some mist possible into glens. | Extensive Shrouding most higher terrain all day, forming to low or mid-slopes many south-facing areas. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | 60% | 20% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Occasional sun. Visibility mostly very good. | Overcast and mostly dull. Visibility generally very poor, appalling if in cloud and blowing snow on hills. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | -2 or -3C. Feeling near -10C if in gusty wind. | -2C, rising later to 0 or +1C, small variation of temperature with height. Wind chill feeling like -15 to -18C. |
| Freezing Level | Terrain widely frozen from glens upward, some slopes around 400-500m just above freezing point. | Terrain frozen to lower slopes from dawn into morning; rising variably during day above freezing toward high tops. |

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 10 January, 2026

Terrain stays widely frozen away from coastal slopes this weekend, fresh extensive snow for Wales and Peak District, whilst substantial snow remains across Scottish mountains. By 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 - thawing develops, rising just above freezing toward all higher slopes; in England and Wales much snow will thaw - here only occasionally near freezing on highest tops in the week ahead. In Scotland next week, higher mountains often near or below freezing at 800-1000m upward. A mix of rain and high-level snowfall, often windy through mid-month.

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