

Southeastern Highlands

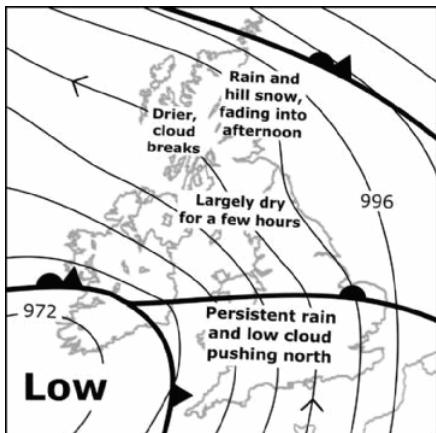
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Ericht, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Wednesday, 21 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 January, 2026

Rain and hill snow in eastern Scotland in the morning tends to ease off; largely dry toward west. E-SE'ly gales in north, lower wind speeds S & W Highlands, but increasing again later.

In England & Wales, upland gales all day, rain and initially snow on tops extending north, becoming milder from the south.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Relative lull, gales later. Snow/rain eases for a time, varied cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 21 January, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	East to southeasterly 50-60mph up to dawn, soon easing to 30mph or briefly less, particularly central highlands, but into afternoon rapidly strengthening again, reaching 50-70mph up to dusk continuing evening/night.
Effect of wind on you?	Conditions moderate for a few hours in morning, then generally deteriorating onward into afternoon, becoming difficult walking later, wind chill significant.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and upland snow eases, returns into evening. Snow falling above 800-900m from before dawn into morning, rain lower down; fairly persistent for a few hours, becoming patchy and light, fading out for a time into afternoon central highlands. From dusk into evening, rain preceded by snow on tops becomes persistent and heavier again.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive low cloud, breaking a little Shrouding the mountains from many mid-slopes upward in the morning, highest bases at times 800-900m toward the north/west of Loch Tay. Some rise of base and breaks forming onward into the afternoon, but will lower again by evening.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10% rising to 40% early afternoon.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, poor visibility, whiteout if in snow and cloud on high tops; some improvement for a few hours, good visibility below cloud central areas.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 or 1C, rising slightly into night. Wind chill feeling like -10C, to -15C where exposed to stronger wind on higher areas.
Freezing Level	900 to 1000m. Into evening and night, rising above freezing to all tops for several hours.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 22 January	Friday 23 January
How windy? (On the Munros)	East to southeasterly 45 to 60mph; powerful gusts downslope toward west of major summits.	Southeasterly 45 to 55mph, powerful gusts downslope of major summits, 60-65mph. Trending easterly with time.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult conditions, mobility challenging and gusts may knock you over not just on highest terrain. Severe wind chill.	Arduous to difficult conditions; mobility challenging in exposure where gusts may knock you over. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Constant upland snowfall, often heavy Hill snow likely persistent, constant heavier falls expected widely over the region, but particularly eastern areas; rain or sleet on lower slopes, higher up for a time, becoming increasingly snow in east.	Constant snowfall, often heavy Hill snow likely persistent, constant heavier falls expected widely over the region, but particularly eastern areas; snow down to lower slopes
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Shrouding the mountains widely from mid-slopes upward. Highest bases toward and west of Loch Tay, but rare if any breaks to the tops.	Extensive Shrouding the mountains widely from mid-slopes upward. Highest bases toward and west of Loch Tay, but rare if any breaks to the tops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	Less than 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, hazy at best, but whiteout conditions over the mountains in cloud and snow.	Largely cloudy, hazy at best, but whiteout conditions over the mountains in cloud and snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	+1 to -2C, coldest east; slightly colder with time. Wind chill feels as cold as -15 to -20C.	-1C (-3C on high summits), dropping slightly colder with time. Wind chill feels as cold as -17 to -20C.
Freezing Level	1000-1200m at dawn, lowering during day from east to 800m, later 600m eastern areas.	700 to 800m, trending towards 500-600m widely with time.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 22 January, 2026

Sustained gale force easterlies over most mountains later this week, powerful gusts downslope toward west; severe chill factor. Colder air and lowering freezing level moves into Scotland Thursday-Friday, much mountain terrain then frozen into the weekend and early next week. Substantial snowfalls over eastern Scottish hills later this week, drier to the west. Dropping just below freezing on high tops in England and Wales - a mix of rain and high level snow; colder further south over the weekend. Circulating low pressure and cold air into next week, with further snowfalls likely. Lower wind speeds early in the new week, but then likely increasing E-SE'ly again.

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