

Southeastern Highlands

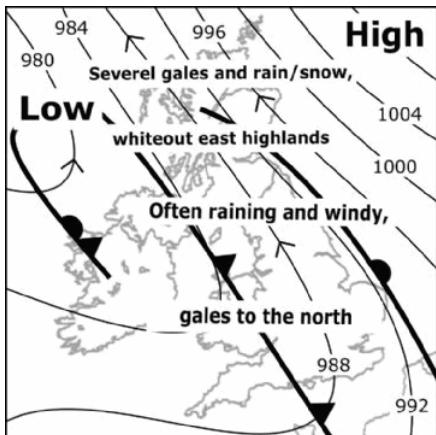
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Ericht, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Thursday, 22 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 22 January, 2026

Gales in north England and Scotland, severe on the high Munros, gusting to storm force in the north; severe wind chills. Frequent or persistent rain across most mountains, falling as snow onto the high Munros from dawn, the snow level lowering with time; snow will be heavy with whiteout conditions in east Scotland.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Snow and severe gales; whiteout conditions

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 22 January, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	East to southeasterly 50 to 60mph; powerful gusts over major summits and downslope toward the west. Wind may well strengthen over central highlands mountains overnight.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult conditions, mobility challenging and gusts may knock you over not just on highest terrain. Severe wind chill.
How wet?	Constant upland snowfall, often heavy
(Precipitation and its impact)	Rain soon turns to hill snow: persistent, constant heavier falls expected widely over the region, but particularly eastern areas; rain or sleet on lower slopes, higher up for a time in the west; becoming increasingly snow in east.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Shrouding the mountains widely from mid-slopes upward, down to low slopes in the east. Highest bases toward and west of Loch Tay, but rare if any breaks to the summits.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Less than 10%
Sunshine?	Overcast.
Air clarity (below cloud)	Hazy at best, but whiteout conditions over the mountains in cloud and snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	+1 to -1C to start the day, coldest east. Becoming cooler with time, -1C to the west and cooler in the east. Wind chill feels as cold as -15 to -20C.
Freezing Level	Poorly defined at dawn, 900-1200m, lowest in the east; lowering during day from east to 700m, later 600m eastern areas by dusk.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 23 January	Saturday 24 January
How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 45 to 55mph; strongest early, powerful gusts to 65-70mph. Trending easterly with time.	Easterly 40 to 60mph, strongest Ben Lawers group, powerful gusts downslope; may start to lessen with time - uncertain.
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous to challenging conditions; mobility limited in exposure where gusts may knock you over. Severe wind chill.	Challenging conditions; walking and balance difficult in exposed areas, buffeting gusts lower down; severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Constant snowfall, often heavy Hill snow likely persistent, constant heavier falls expected widely over the region, but particularly eastern areas where snow reaches down to low slopes.	Persistent upland snow Snow falling most or all day much of the region, at times heavy; sleet or rain lower slopes. Somewhat smaller amounts northwest toward Loch Rannoch.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Shrouding the mountains widely from mid-slopes upward, to low slopes in the east. Highest bases toward and west of Loch Tay, but rare if any breaks to Munro tops unlikely.	Extensive Shrouding the mountains throughout the day, from mid-slopes upward most south and eastern aspects, some higher bases toward Loch Tay and Rannoch, but covering high tops persistently.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Less than 10%	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, hazy at best, but whiteout conditions over the mountains in cloud and snow.	Overcast, dull. Appalling visibility conditions over most higher terrain; constant whiteout in cloud and falling or blowing snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1 or -2C, always coldest around/east of Glenshee. Wind chill feels as cold as -17 to -20C.	-1 or -2C. Directly in the wind feeling like -15 to -18C.
Freezing Level	500-600m	600 to 700m, but may be slightly lower in eastern areas in the morning.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 23 January, 2026

Sustained gale force easterlies over most mountains into the weekend, powerful gusts downslope toward west; severe chill factor. Colder air and lowering freezing level moves into Scotland on 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, turning colder further south over the weekend, with freezing level dropping to the southern Pennines summits next week. 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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