

Southeastern Highlands

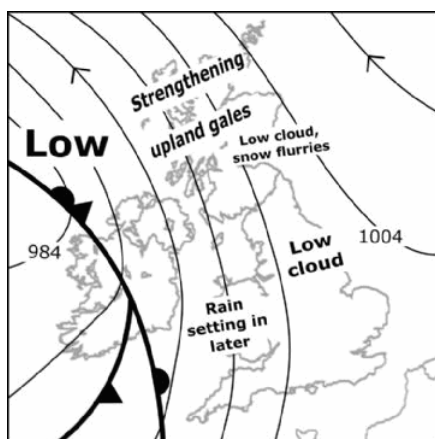
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Ericht, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Monday, 26 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 26 January, 2026

Gale-force and very gusty southeasterly winds Scottish mountains, tending to strengthen. Patchy snow and low cloud affects the eastern Highlands; largely dry and clearer toward west/northwest. Some cloud breaks for the Lakes. Rain and upland gales moves into Wales from the west in the afternoon.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Upland gales, gusty. Light snow and low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 26 January, 2026

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| How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you? | East-southeasterly 35 to 45mph in morning, strengthening with time to a sustained 50-55mph afternoon up to dusk with powerful gusts, further strengthening early evening. Walking increasingly challenging; considerable buffeting making balance difficult in exposure. Severe wind chill. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Light snow fairly persistent Substantial lying snow and drifts from previous falls. Frequent-to-persistent light snow continues on the high tops, most common near and east of the A9, though total amounts generally small. Snow more intermittent towards Loch Tay. |
| Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros? | Extensive Blanket fog shrouds most mountains down to the middle slopes, lower on eastern hills with fog sometimes into the glens during snow. Highest bases towards central highlands but unlikely to break above 700m. 10% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Rare or no sun. Visibility very poor over hills, hazy lower down; difficult navigation in fog over snow cover. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level | -2 or -3C. Feeling like -15 to -20C in direct wind. 400-500m, local variation to 600m or above on some slopes mainly near Lochs Tay and Rannoch. |

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

| | Tuesday 27 January | Wednesday 28 January |
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| How windy? (On the Munros) | East-southeasterly 55 to 70mph, speeds may reach up to 80mph higher exposed areas with powerful gusts downslope. | Southeasterly 40 to 60mph - some uncertainty, peak speeds may lessen for a time. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Widely difficult conditions - stability and mobility likely only achieved with crouching/crawling. Severe wind chill. | Difficult conditions with powerful gusts to some lower slopes. Significant wind chill. Chance of some improvement with time. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Snow most of the day, becoming heavy Persistent snowfall widely above 300-400m, sleet lower slopes, rain toward valleys nearer the central belt; risk of snow setting increasingly heavier widely with time. | Patchy snow / rain Snow may be frequent or persistent, but amounts fairly small, rain low-mid slopes up to 600m or higher with time. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Extensive Shrouding high terrain most or all day with bases to middle slopes near the east lowlands, which may drop lower more widely in heavier snow. Some higher breaks towards Loch Ericht, though unlikely above 800-900m. | Extensive Shrouding the hills most or all day from low to mid-slopes upward. Highest cloud base toward and north of Loch Tay. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | 10% | 10% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Overcast and dull. Whiteout conditions on most high terrain in blowing snow, to some mid-elevations. | Overcast and dull. Whiteout if in cloud over snow cover; misty many hill slopes. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | -2C. Feeling like -18 to -23C in strongest wind. | 0 or -1C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C. |
| Freezing Level | 300-400m; may start to rise variably into the evening. | 700 to 800m, rising slightly during daytime. |

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 27 January, 2026

Powerful southeasterlies prevail across Scotland this week and many indications favour strong east or southeasterly winds onward into the first half of February. Scottish mountains are expected stay below freezing in the extended range, fresh heavy snowfalls giving substantial depths and drifts across south and eastern areas, much less snow northwestward. Hills in England and Wales will see varying freezing levels, sub-zero for periods to 600m or lower, but intermittently lifting just above the tops - a mix of rain and upland snowfall. A generally unsettled pattern with Atlantic lows continuing to frequently circulate over Britain on a southerly track, whilst high pressure resides away to the north.

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