

Southeastern Highlands

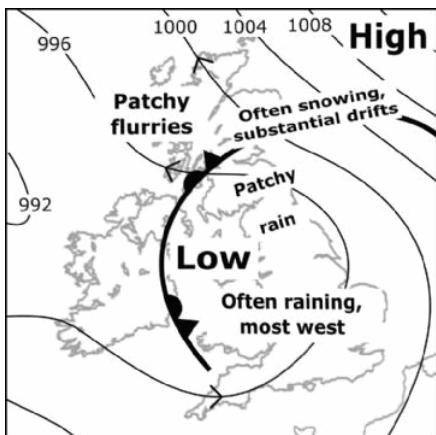
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Ericht, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Saturday, 31 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 31 January, 2026

Winter conditions on most high mountains; deep snow and large drifts in central/east Scotland, whiteout conditions in fog. Mostly dry NW Scotland. Morning rain in south Scotland and England trends patchy, often dry south Pennines. Often raining in Wales, most on western slopes. Freezing levels rise towards upper slopes.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Winter conditions on high terrain; blustery, tending to ease

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 31 January, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	East-southeasterly 30-40mph, some variability in speeds and quite gusty, maximum speeds to 50mph. Easing with time, towards 20-30mph late in the day.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking strenuous-to-arduous in exposure, considerable buffeting challenging stability and significant wind chill. Effects tending to ease, but walking remains impeded.
How wet?	Often snowing, sleet to middle slopes, wet underfoot
(Precipitation and its impact)	Snow/sleet affecting many hills for most of the day, particularly near Glenshee and Angus hills. Substantial depth of snow with large drifts. Snowfall elevation rising slightly with time. On low slopes, wet underfoot and fast-flowing streams.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive A blanket of cloud shrouds the hills down to middle or lower slopes facing the east lowlands. Best chance of higher bases towards central highlands, up to 800m at times, but also filling in for periods as well.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%
Sunshine?	Any sun unlikely.
Air clarity (below cloud)	Visibility largely poor in precipitation and haze towards the east coast, whiteout conditions on high terrain on snow cover.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C, rising with time to 0 or +1C, the mildest temperatures around Callander and Ben Lawers. Feeling like -10 to -13C in direct wind.
Freezing Level	500-700m, the lowest levels in the central highlands. Rising to 800-900m with time, variability around this height overnight.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 1 February	Monday 2 February
How windy? (On the Munros)	Gusty southeasterly 25-40mph; trending southerly and easing with time, perhaps into a lull, approaching 10-20mph.	Southeasterly 20-25mph in the morning, rising with time, 35-45mph by dusk, stronger gusts, tops speeds to 55mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking strenuous-to-arduous in exposure with buffeting and significant wind chill; effects easing with time.	Fairly small early, deteriorating, walking becoming arduous in exposure with buffeting and significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery snow and rain Showery snow affecting hills near the eastern lowlands, most frequently around and east of the A9 towards Glenshee. Precipitation more patchy towards central highlands. Falling as rain below around 700m.	Snow/sleet most of the day Snow showers affect most hills through the day, driest west of the A9 at first but may increase in frequency here too.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Cloud shrouds most hills down to middle slopes all day. Some variably higher bases, highest towards Loch Ericht though unlikely to clear above 700-800m.	Fairly extensive Blanket cloud across high terrain, bases regularly lowering to middle slopes during snow. Highest bases towards the central highlands but few breaks above 800-900m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	No sunshine expected. Visibility widely poor, whiteout conditions in fog over snow on high terrain.	Sunshine unlikely. Visibility widely poor on upper terrain, whiteout conditions in fog over snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0C. Feeling like -10 to -15C in the wind.	-1 to -3C. Feeling like -12 to -15C in the wind.
Freezing Level	800-900m. May lower late in the day.	500-600m, may lower with time

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 1 February, 2026**

Unsettled weather persists through the late weekend and into next week: a southerly flow is dominant through Monday, lifting freezing levels and bringing precipitation to most mountain groups through the early week. The Munros will likely stay below freezing; precipitation will continue to fall as snow on high terrain: snowdrifts from the Cairngorms to central and southern Highlands with a continued risk of flooding here. Gales are likely as well.

Southeasterly winds will tend to re-establish later in the week, lowering freezing levels and drawing cloud and precipitation into the Pennines and eastern Scotland, the snow level dropping to middle elevations with time. Cloud and precipitation more patchy in the west with the brightest skies northwest of high summits.

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