

# Southeastern Highlands

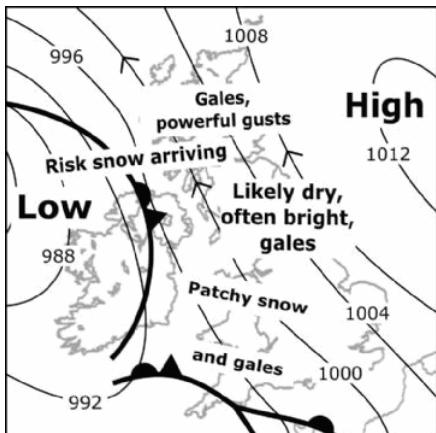
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Ericht, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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### General Summary for Wednesday, 18 February, 2026



#### British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 18 February, 2026

Cold with widespread gales in exposure; powerful gusts and severe wind chill. North and west Scotland often dry and free of cloud; an increasing risk of snow south with time, possibly east as well. English hills largely dry, hill cloud mostly isolated to high Pennines. Cloudier Wales with snow arriving from the south.

#### Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Gales with powerful gusts; cloud, some snow flurries east

### Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 18 February, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	South-southeasterly 40-45mph, at times strengthening towards 50mph. Powerful gusts over high tops and towards the northwest, approaching 60mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Arduous-to-challenging conditions all day, including on lower terrain due to chaotic, buffeting gusts, the strongest of which require crouching for stability. Severe wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Little precipitation expected</b> A risk of some snow flurries affecting high terrain near and east of the A9 in the afternoon, but very localised.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Often covering high terrain, variable, some breaks</b> Cloud banks often over the high tops, some variability, lowering across high terrain and locally middle slopes towards the east lowlands, but breaks to tops are probable as well.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Often sunny but weakened by high cloud, less sun towards the eastern lowlands due to hill cloud. Excellent visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-4 or -5C, small change with added height. Many slopes will rise a degree. Feeling like -20C or colder in strongest wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Terrain likely widely frozen, some light thaws on sun-exposed low slopes, up to 300-400m in places, then refreezing overnight.

## Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 19 February	Friday 20 February
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Generally southerly, some variability, 30-45mph, strong gusts, approaching 50mph or higher; shifting southerly later.	A gusty south-southwesterly 25-35mph, later shifting SW'ly and strengthening, 40mph at least over high terrain with strong
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking arduous with severe wind chill; buffeting in exposure making it challenging to stay on your feet.</b>	<b>Walking becoming arduous with significant wind chill and stability challenges; a deteriorating trend is possible.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Precipitation unlikely</b> A small chance of some snow approaching the central highlands late in the day but likely entirely dry during daylight.	<b>Periods of snow, increasingly as rain</b> Snow spreads widely through the morning, rain to low slopes but rising. Rain isolates towards west of A9 with time, only patches drifting north and east, may return more widely later.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Cloud banks near and east of A9</b>  Cloud banks cling to the high slopes of the Munros near and east of the A9, some high summits may be above the cloud layer but the wind pushing ragged patches up the hill towards the tops as well.	<b>Extensive over high terrain</b>  High terrain shrouded all day, bases regularly reach to middle or lower slopes during rain, but a few higher breaks may occur during cessations in rain as well.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Often sunny but weakened by high cloud. Excellent visibility, some haze near the Central Belt.	Likely cloudy, a few bright breaks possible here and there. Visibility often poor, but excellent during breaks in cloud and rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-3 or -2C, some local variability. Feeling like -15C in direct wind.	-1C, rising, reaching +2C. Feeling like -13 to -15C in direct wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Terrain widely frozen from dawn, thaws to 300-500m, notable local variability.	500-600m, though variable, some low frosts at dawn; rising with time to the high slopes.

## Planning Outlook

## All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 19 February, 2026

Much terrain in England and Scotland remains frozen as the weekend approaches. However, freezing level will be less well defined on western slopes as stable downslope flow may warm and thaw frozen ground up to middle elevations, particularly in Wales and England. Friday into the weekend sees a switch to southwesterly winds, bringing milder conditions - lifting above freezing to tops in England and Wales, and generally higher freezing levels in Scotland; periods of thawing to Munro summits will occur but also further snowfall on higher terrain during the day-to-day variability of precipitation and freezing levels. Often cloudy with periods of rain further south, most often affecting western and southern hills where cloud will be lowest and at times drizzly in the south. Often windy with upland gales.

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