

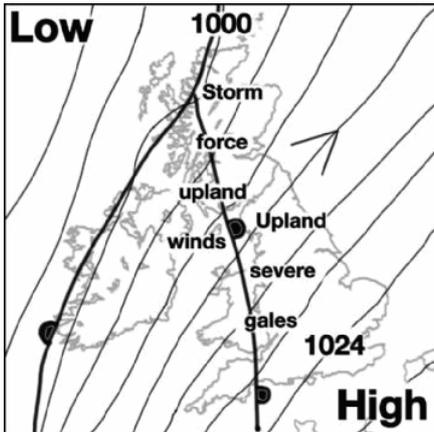
Southern Uplands

The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).



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General Summary for Tuesday, 23 February, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 February, 2021

Active fronts edging east across Britain will bring widespread severe conditions: Storm force upland winds and incessantly heavy rain (initially snow Scottish Highlands) to most western mountains. Conditions a little less severe E/S Wales and S Pennines, where little rain but gales still severe.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Severe gale or storm force upland winds. Heavy or torrential rain.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 23 February, 2021

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly, 50 to on highest tops 70mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Rapid increase of speed with height will make mobility very difficult where exposed on higher terrain. Even on lower terrain ferocious gusts may blow you over.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain setting in from west Rain soon setting in from west, although little rain morning the Cheviots and near the Lothians. Elsewhere, the rain will become heavy or near and west of M74 sometimes torrential.
Cloud on the hills?	Forming extensively in rain Many hills initially free of low cloud, but fog higher areas of Galloway. Soon most higher areas cloud covered, and forming lower slopes west of M74. Into Borders, cloud base dropping slowly to 400-650m from the west.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Soon almost nil near and west of M74; 90% dropping to 20% elsewhere
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun Borders morning; otherwise dull. Visibility excellent particularly Borders but will deteriorate in rain, soon widely very poor west of M74.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C rising to 4C. Will feel as cold as minus 12 Celsius directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 24 February	Thursday 25 February
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 30mph.	Southwest to westerly 25mph but perhaps at times 30mph highest tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous on higher areas.	Likely to impede ease of walking on higher areas.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain most or all day Rain frequently, particularly Borders, in some areas it may be almost incessant. There may be little or no rain Galloway. Very wet underfoot with burns in spate, some flooding of rivers and paths.	Risk snow and hail showers Substantially dry, but risk from late morning of a shower, of snow above 600m.
Cloud on the hills?	Blanket of fog across most mountains Cloud extensively shrouding the hills, widely covering lower slopes although mostly above 500m near the Lothians and Cheviots. May also improve at times Galloway.	Very little by late morning Cloud base will rise; from late morning, only fragments covering highest tops now and again.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine not expected. Widely very poor visibility in rain and hazy at best. However, chance of excellent visibility westernmost areas.	Patchwork of sunshine. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	6C, although abrupt transition to 3C westwards across Dumfries and Galloway.	1C or 2C; coldest Galloway
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 24 February, 2021**

Very much drier later this week as pressure rises markedly, initially across southern Britain. Fronts may bring occasional rain, mainly to the NW highlands (where also windy) until the weekend, but then all areas will probably become dry - and the wind dropping. Temperature wise, the Scottish Munros frequently sub-freezing, but summits elsewhere mostly above freezing point.

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