

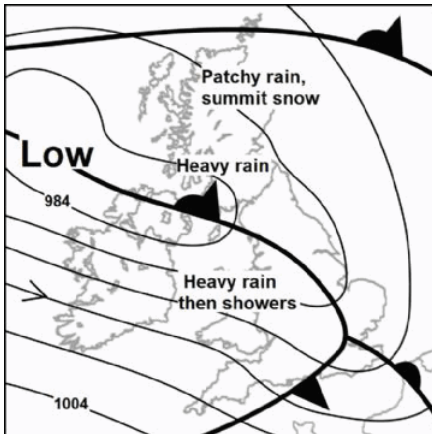
Southern Uplands

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 Saturday, 9 December, 2023



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 9 December, 2023

Patchy rain and snow on higher Scottish tops push north over the Highlands. Heavy rain sets in across south & central Scotland. Heavy rain moves across England and Wales in the morning, followed by showers. Varied winds, fairly light much of Scotland, but increasing upland gales for England, severe for Wales.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Heavy rain setting in, low cloud. Varied winds.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 9 December, 2023

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly or variable, speeds varied 15 to 30mph. Local lulls.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but locally blustery for periods.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy rain A locally dry start in the north and east, but rain advances in from the south to be widely heavy and persistent across the region for the rest of the day. Very wet underfoot, risk of flooding.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Cloud will shroud the hills extensively for much of daylight hours, despite a rise in bases to upper slopes post front later in the day. To lowest slopes in heavy rain.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly overcast. Visibility widely poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Around 4C. Feeling like -5C if exposed to breeze.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 10 December	Monday 11 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	South to southwesterly, 15 to 25mph, may increase through day, risk 40mph tops in far west over Galloway. Fairly small, but risk becoming blustery, beware of deteriorating conditions, considerable buffeting and wind chill.	Direction variable, most likely 10 to 20mph or less. Chance of much stronger speeds 40mph for a time from dawn. Most likely small, but beware of possible poorer conditions for a time.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy rain arrives, possible snow tops Starting dry especially in east, but rain sweeps in from the southwest to become widely persistent, heaviest in areas near and west of the M74, later showery. May turn to sleet or snow highest tops.	Isolated showers Local showers, mostly patchy and well scattered, greatest risk toward coasts. Generally rain to the tops.
Cloud on the hills?	Increasingly extensive Some eastern hills may start free of low cloud, but patches on some slopes. Lowering cloud from the west becoming widely foggy across hills from mid or lower elevations upward.	Often covering many tops Varied banks of cloud or fog from lower elevations upward. In places, the cloud may persist all day. Some areas clearing for periods.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally overcast, any early bright skies in east giving way to become dull. Visibility starting good in east, becoming poor in rain.	Fairly cloudy, glimpses of sun. Visibility good out of cloud.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	0 to 2C. Wind chill feeling like -5C, or -10C if wind increases. Just above freezing point to summits with patchy lying snow on upper slopes. May lower onto tops in heavy precipitation.	3C. If exposed to breeze, feeling like -3C on tops. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 10 December, 2023**

Areas of low pressure dominate into the weekend and early next week bringing unsettled conditions as a series of fronts circulate over Britain. Periods of heavy rain, with snow over higher mountains in Scotland as tops stay near or just below freezing point. Some freeze-thaw higher up, but mid-heights generally above freezing - very wet underfoot due to rain and snowmelt, beware flooding of streams and rivers. Most tops in England and Wales above freezing with terrain not frozen apart from local snow pockets. Generally windy, gales or severe gales at times over the tops - strongest speeds most sustained for England and Wales. Least windy in northern Scotland.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Friday, 8 December, 2023

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