

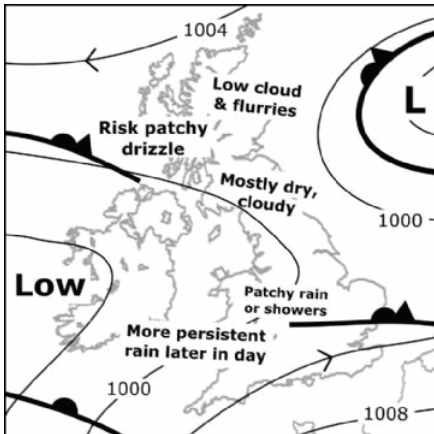
Southern Uplands

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 Thursday, 4 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 4 April, 2024

Chilly northeasterlies across the Highlands, but wind speeds tending to ease. Sub-zero temperatures across the mountains all day. A lot of low cloud, patchy snow flurries, locally drizzly. Mostly dry for northern England, some cloud breaks. Patchy rain for Wales, later turning wetter as SW'ly winds freshen; gales by dusk.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Chilly breeze. A little light rain or snow locally, mostly cloudy.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 4 April, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	East to northeasterly 15 to 25mph, strongest eastern hills in the morning. Strengthening from dusk into the night to east-southeasterly 40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small effect on walking, but locally blustery with considerable wind chill over tops in Borders & Cheviots, especially morning.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Small amounts precipitation, often dry Patchy drizzly rain, snow flurries above 500m early in the day in the east. Isolated showers into afternoon, possible soft hail. Extensive heavy rain and upland snow into the night.
Cloud on the hills?	Lowest in east, lifting, some breaks west Cloud covering eastern tops much of the day, to some mid-slopes in the morning, lifting gradually, but often covering tops. Varied over higher slopes in west, some breaks forming.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, glimpses of sun at times. Visibility good when dry, locally mistier in the morning.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or -1C in east, rising to 2C in west. Wind chill feeling close to -10C on higher eastern tops in morning, easing to -5C.
Freezing Level	600-700m in morning, or for much of day Cheviots to Pentland hills. Lifting just above freezing on tops west of the M74.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 5 April	Saturday 6 April
<p>How windy? (On the summits)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Southerly 25 to 40mph. May strengthen further during the day, but especially into night, 50-60mph+.</p> <p>Very blustery most or all day. Walking impeded on higher exposed terrain. Considerable wind chill.</p>	<p>Southerly 50 to 60mph, reaching 70mph with stronger gusts on higher summits; continuing into night.</p> <p>Very difficult conditions over higher terrain, severe in exposed spots on tops, gusts may blow you over.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Rain most persistent in west</p> <p>Overnight hill snow turning more to rain to higher levels by dawn. Areas of rain may continue into the daytime, but tending to break up into showers. May stay often damp near Solway. Further rain into night.</p>	<p>Rain on and off, heavy at times west</p> <p>Pulses of rain throughout the day, at times heavy and persistent, particularly Dumfries and Galloway. Into the night, showery bursts with hail.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free summits?</p>	<p>Extensive</p> <p>Covering the hills widely from mid to lower slopes upward in the morning, or most of the day from Galloway to the Moffat hills. Bases rising with some breaks north of Beattock, into Lothians, perhaps Cheviots.</p> <p>30%</p>	<p>Changing quickly, occasional breaks</p> <p>Cloud bases will vary, covering the hills widely in rain. Possibly breaking up for periods to higher summits, best in Borders to Lothians, but lowering again abruptly.</p> <p>30%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Mostly cloudy, murky in morning, some areas all day. Local improvements mainly toward Lothians.</p>	<p>Mostly cloudy, brief bursts of sun. General slight haze, visibility poor in rain; occasional improvements.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 750m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>2C rising to 6C. Wind chill often feeling like -5C.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>	<p>Briefly 7C in morning; falling to 5C in middle of day, by evening 2C. Wind chill feeling like -8C, later -12C.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 5 April, 2024

Very unsettled into the weekend and likely next week, influenced by deep areas of low pressure centred west or northwest of Britain. Southerly gales, sustained storm-force speeds across higher mountains throughout Saturday and Sunday. Temperature rising above freezing to highest tops into Saturday, plus heavy rain sweeping north - a period of thaw across the Highlands. Cooler by Sunday, the freezing level back to 1000-1200m, then varying temperatures for the week ahead. Frequent precipitation continuing, focused on western mountains, at times persistent rainfall, intermittently snow on higher Scottish tops, plus showers with hail. Periods of strong winds continue, risk further upland gales.

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