

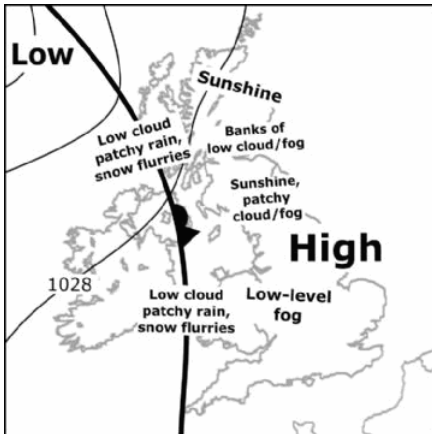
# Southern Uplands

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, 11 January, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 11 January, 2025**

Patchy snow flurries or light rain near western coasts slowly pushing inland, along with low cloud. High cloud thickening ahead of this. Local fog or banks of low cloud inland, some high tops above fog; sunshine best toward northeast Scotland. Increasing southerly wind.

### Headline for Southern Uplands

Gusty in west, some flurries; varied low cloud and fog patches.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 11 January, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southerly 15-20mph, rising to 25-30mph around Galloway hills, gusty in places near higher summits.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Fairly small, but ease of walking starting to be impeded, may affect balance on exposed tops. Marked wind chill.
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Light rain or snow developing west</b> Patchy rain, snow flurries, or refrozen rain some slopes, encroaching slowly onto western hills, mainly afternoon. Very likely dry M74 corridor eastwards.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Fog patches, areas of low cloud west</b> Morning fog patches in several valleys, more extensive east at first, tops likely clear above the fog. Low cloud developing in Galloway, some shrouding some southern hills down to lowest slopes later afternoon.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>70% (above fog), dropping to 20% southwestern areas.</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunniest in east in morning, glimpses of sun west at first, giving way to thickening cloud. Excellent visibility on higher terrain; hazier lower down, local fog.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	-1 or -2C, rising slowly to around 0C up to dusk, or +1C in west; slightly higher after dark. Feeling around -8C with wind chill.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Much terrain frozen away from lower coastal slopes; poorly defined freezing level, but may gradually lift just above freezing in the air on western tops.

## Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	<b>Sunday 12 January</b>	<b>Monday 13 January</b>
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly 35-45mph. Strong gusts through valleys and near the Central Belt.	Southwesterly 45 to 60mph, risk strengthening further on high tops.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking strenuous, considerable buffeting. Gusts likely to threaten balance. Significant wind chill.</b>	<b>Arduous or increasingly difficult conditions over higher terrain, turbulent buffeting gusts. Considerable wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>A little light rain mostly west</b> Some drizzle and light rain over Galloway hills, pushing inland. Some extends further east, small amounts.	<b>Rain much of day west</b> Rain frequent or persistent, heavy at times Dumfries & Galloway. Smaller amounts Borders. Wet underfoot where snow melts.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Most persistent southwest</b>  Widespread cloud down to lowest slopes, particularly Dumfries & Galloway. Bases higher in the lee of hills but tops nearly constantly shrouded. Breaks best toward the Lothians.	<b>Extensive</b>  Shrouding the hills all day, lowest bases near/west of the M74, 400-600m. Mostly above 600m furthest east.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Little to no sunshine, some bright spells in the north and east. Poor visibility.	Rare if any glimpses of sun mainly east. Visibility mostly poor, locally good Borders.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	2 to 4C, colder in some lower areas at first. Feeling like -7C with wind chill.	6C, locally warmer some eastern slopes. In the wind, feeling as cold as -7C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Lifting above freezing to tops. Much terrain remains frozen but beginning to thaw.	Above the summits.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 12 January, 2025**

Terrain still widely frozen and snow covered this weekend, but by Sunday the air temperature lifting above freezing at all elevations - a thaw commencing, more rapid into Monday with some heavy rain in the west. A much milder week ahead, highest Scottish tops only rarely close to freezing point. Southwesterly winds frequently gale force over the Highlands, bringing low cloud particularly to western mountains and occasional rain. High pressure over England & Wales brings quieter conditions here much of the week, some low-level cloud and fog. Changeable west-southwesterlies likely prevail into second half of January, with cycles of freeze and thaw and risk of more frequent precipitation.

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