

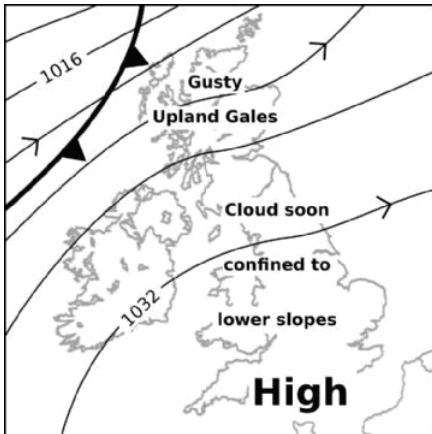
Southern Uplands

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 Wednesday, 15 January, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 January, 2025

Strong upland gales and powerful gusts over the Highlands; wind getting increasingly lighter further south. Extensive cloud possible in the morning but will very soon be confined to the lower slopes and many summits will be cloud free and dry. Superb visibility on high ground, above haze layer. Feeling mild, especially where wind is light.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Gusty wind. Low cloud clearing except near Galloway.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 15 January, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly typically 25mph, but locally 35mph. Sudden gusts on some lower slopes. Highest speeds towards the Central Belt.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly fairly small, but locally considerable buffeting, in places reaching lower slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation unlikely Pockets of fine drizzle possible where in cloud, particularly western and southern Galloway.
Cloud on the hills?	Clearing many higher areas - persisting on some lower areas Cloud covering many areas at first, but becoming confined to lower slopes in Dumfries and Galloway, with areas above 600m, perhaps lower, above the cloud. Mostly clearing further east.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10% at dawn, rising to 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine may well be or become extensive; with superb visibility higher slopes. Hazy or perhaps foggy lower areas.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Varied: mostly between 5 and 8C - nearer 3C where in cloud. Will feel as cold as minus 7C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits with continued thaw of snow and in remaining frozen terrain.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 16 January	Friday 17 January
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	South to southwesterly; strengthening markedly with height to 40mph, to locally 50mph Galloway. Difficult walking conditions and significant wind chill. In places, considerable buffeting in powerful gusts.	Southwesterly 50mph with stronger gusts, especially morning. Tending to ease in afternoon to a gusty 30mph. Morning: Difficult walking conditions; powerful gusts may blow you over. Becoming more blustery in afternoon but gust and balance still affected at times.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain not expected	Light drizzle Galloway Drizzle on and off in southern and western Galloway. In other areas, probably little or no precipitation but atmosphere may feel 'damp' at times, especially lower down.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Extensive; highest tops probably above cloud Fog from lowest slopes up near Solway and above 300 to 450m most other areas, although probably cloud free toward The Cheviot and near the Lothians. The top of the cloud between 650 and perhaps 800m. 30%	Extensive Extensive cloud, particularly in Galloway, from the lowest slopes up. The Cheviot may just pop up above the cloud deck. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive bright sunshine and highest tops and toward Lothians and mostly excellent visibility. Hazy and in many areas dull lower slopes.	Generally poor visibility and no sunshine.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	8C to perhaps 12C. Will feel as cold as minus -4C directly in the wind. Above the summits.	Around 7C but may rise to around 11C near the summit of the Cheviot and nearby high ground. Feeling between 0 and -5C in the Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 16 January, 2025

Persistent thaw through the week as very mild air arrives from the southwest and later south. There will be a little drizzly rain near the west coasts - possibly wetter in some areas from the weekend. However, from time to time, mountains, most frequently in England and Wales will clear (sometimes above fog on lower slopes). Winds sometimes fairly light, particularly Wales, but windier progressively northwards with periods of upland gales Scottish Highlands.

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