

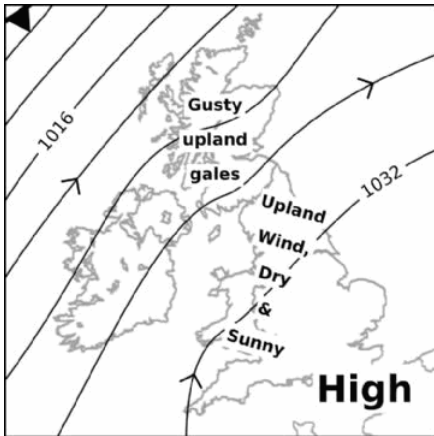
Southern Uplands

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, 16 January, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 January, 2025

Almost all mountains cloud free but low level fog coming in off the south and west coasts and rolling up some coastal uplands and mountains. Many summits warmer than their mid-slopes. Sudden increase of wind with height; very gusty gales in the Highlands. Hazy low down in some areas; superb visibility from high ground.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Gusty upland gales. Low cloud Galloway; higher summits cloud free

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 16 January, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	South to southwesterly; strengthening markedly with height to 40mph, to locally 50mph Galloway.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult walking conditions and significant wind chill. In places, considerable buffeting in powerful gusts.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain not expected
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive locally; highest tops above cloud. Very little Lothians to Cheviots. Fog from the lowest slopes up near Solway and above; cloud base 300 to 450m most other areas, although mostly cloud free toward The Cheviot and near the Lothians. The top of the cloud between 650 and perhaps 800m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% west; 70% east
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.
How Cold? (at 750m)	8C to perhaps 12C. Slightly cooler on the mid-slopes. Will feel as cold as -4C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 17 January	Saturday 18 January
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 40 to 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 the afternoon but still gusty.	Southwesterly 20 to 35mph. Highest speeds and more gusts in Galloway. Galloway: Balance affected, particularly during down-slope gusts. Risk significant wind chill. Cheviots: Comfort of walking impacted.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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.	Small risk of localised drizzle Risk of drizzle on lower slopes in southern Galloway.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Extensive Extensive cloud, particularly in Galloway, from the lowest slopes up. The Cheviot may just pop up above the cloud deck. There may be breaks in the Lothians where cloud may mostly clear for a time. 30%	Probably very little on high ground Thinning cloud or fog may shroud the lower slopes in southern Galloway and as far in as Moffat. Elsewhere, and on higher ground, likely to be cloud free all day. 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally poor visibility and no sunshine.	Extensive sunshine, possibly weakened by high cloud. Good visibility low down but superb visibility on high ground.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	Around 7C but may rise to around 11C near the summit of the Cheviot and nearby high ground. Feeling between 0 and -5C in Above the summits.	Large east (up to 9C; 1C in wind) to west (3C; -8C in wind) variation and some uncertainty due to inversion height. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 17 January, 2025**

Rain moving in some areas from the west on Sunday and Monday before high pressure starts building again and suppressing any rainfall to pockets of drizzle. Conditions may become gloomy low down as cloud is trapped below inversion; summits likely to remain clear with superb visibility. Freeze-thaw cycles will resume on the Scottish mountains though next week.

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