

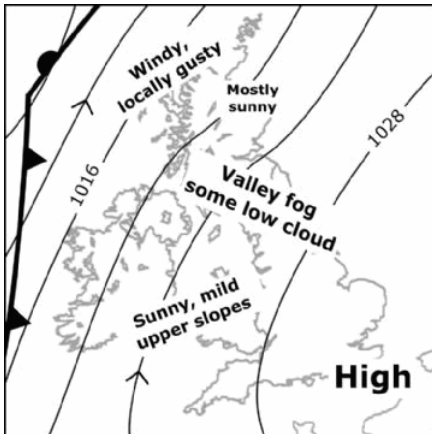
Southern Uplands

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, 18 January, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 18 January, 2025

Southerly winds strongest toward northwest Scotland, locally very gusty. A fine day overall, with plentiful sunshine across the tops, in places above an inversion with banks of low cloud and fog on lower and some mid-elevation slopes, mostly on south-facing hills.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Gusty wind west. Sunshine, low cloud banks; clear north.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 18 January, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 20 to 35mph. Speeds up to 40mph and gusty in Galloway and hills near the Central Belt
Effect of wind on you?	Galloway: Balance affected, particularly during down-slope gusts. Risk significant wind chill. Cheviots: Comfort of walking impacted.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Small risk of localised drizzle Risk of fine drizzle where in fog on lower slopes in southern Galloway.
Cloud on the hills?	Probably very little on high ground Thinning cloud or fog may shroud slopes in western Galloway up towards high ground. Low fog possible eastward towards Moffat. Elsewhere, and on higher ground, likely to be cloud free all day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive sunshine, possibly weakened by high cloud. Good visibility low down but superb visibility on high ground.
How Cold? (at 750m)	In cloud: 3C, but feeling like -8C in wind. Out of cloud: up to 8C, feeling like 0C in wind. Warmest toward east/northeast.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 19 January	Monday 20 January
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly, 10-20mph. Some stronger winds and gustiness in west Galloway. Gradually rising near dusk. Few effects, some gusts inconveniencing walking in west Galloway.	Westerly 20-25mph. Considerable gustiness on hill facing the south Galloway coast and the Central Belt. Winds beginning to inconvenience walking. Notable buffeting in gustiest areas.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little precipitation expected west Brief spells of light drizzle possible along the south-facing slopes in Galloway. Dry elsewhere.	Patchy rain west, more likely on coasts A little light rain along the west and south coasts of Galloway. Some light rain may slip eastward, likely dry in the far east.
Cloud on the hills?	Cloudy/foggy south Galloway Persistent low cloud and fog along south-facing slopes in Galloway. Some fog patches stretch eastwards towards the A74. Cloud tops near 700m, keeping peaks mostly clear.	Some clearing east and Central Belt Most terrain covered in Galloway and east towards the A74; lowest bases near to Solway. Areas further east in lee of winds and near the Central Belt likely to have times of clearing.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20% south Galloway, 80% elsewhere	30% Galloway, 50% east
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widely sunny above fog/cloud banks. Excellent visibility.	Where low clouds clear, hazy sun through high cloud. Mostly poor visibility, sometimes good east
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	2C west, 4C east at first. Becoming 1 to 2C widely later. Above the summits	3C, a degree or two warmer east. Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 19 January, 2025**

Slow changes in the days ahead as high pressure to the southeast slowly fades and allows weak fronts to make inroads from the west. Small amounts of precipitation until later next week - patchy drizzle in places, locally snow flurries developing as temperature falls slowly. South to southeasterly winds prevailing, locally very gusty, bringing areas of low cloud or fog - at times higher slopes clear above the cloud. Sunniest overall toward north of major hill groups. Deeper areas of low pressure over the Atlantic are expected toward late January, bringing a risk of more frequent precipitation and periods of gales or possibly stormy winds at times; fluctuating temperatures and freeze-thaw cycles.

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