

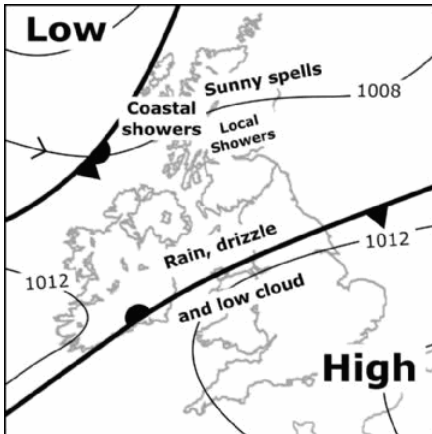
Southern Uplands

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 Tuesday, 21 January, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 January, 2025

Below freezing on Scottish tops. Noticeably chilly in the breeze. A cluster of showers with hill snow moves across the Highlands early in the day, but clears to be often dry and bright. Showers continue near to western coasts, some moving inland. A slow-moving front over England & north Wales brings grey and damp conditions.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Often dry, patchy rain; low cloud slowly rising. Moderate breeze.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 21 January, 2025

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| How windy? (On the summits) | Southwesterly 15-20mph, locally 25mph around higher summits. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Fairly small, but may start affect comfortable walking where exposed on higher slopes. Marked wind chill. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | A little rain at times Occasional light rain or brief showers mostly western hills, odd showers passing east into the Cheviots, one or two possible showers toward the Central Belt. Largely dry Borders. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Low cloud most persistent southwest Covering many hills in the morning, lowest bases western areas 300-500m. Tending to thin and lift with time toward some upper slopes. Breaks forming best across north and northeastern hills. |
| Chance of cloud free summits? | 20% rising to 40% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Fairly cloudy, some sun mostly toward the Lothians. Visibility good away from cloud banks, but hazy or misty toward Solway. |
| How Cold? (at 750m) | 2C. Wind chill feeling like -5 to -8C. |
| Freezing Level | Just above higher summits. |

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

| | Wednesday 22 January | Thursday 23 January |
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| How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you? | Variable direction, 10mph and under. Little to none | Southerly turning west-southwesterly; speeds likely increasing 25 to 40mph, risk 50mph for a time, suddenly squally. Walking becoming impeded with increasing buffeting on higher terrain, risk difficult where exposed. Significant wind chill. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Occasional showers west Occasional showery rain on hills near Galloway coasts, though totals will be low. May fall as sleet later in the day. | Rain and upland snow setting in Local showers in the morning, but a few hours likely dry, for longest in east. Rain developing from the southwest, abruptly heavy across Dumfries & Galloway, increasingly snow on higher tops, later to 500-600m. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Cloudy south, clear spells north and east High tops and southern slopes often under cloud to low elevations. Spells of clearing in the east and northern slopes near the Central Belt. | Varied low cloud, breaks north Cloud banks covering mostly south-facing hills in the morning, to lower slopes toward the Solway. Clearer toward the Lothians. Filling in and lowering more widely in rain/snow. |
| Chance of cloud free summits? | 20% south, 50% north | 20% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Little sun south, intermittent north and east. Higher cloud may weaken sun. Visibility mostly good where out of cloud. | Mostly cloudy, early glimpses of sun before high cloud thickens. Visibility good away from cloud banks, reducing to poor in rain, appalling in snow on tops. |
| How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level | 0 or 1C. 800m, locally 700m western areas. | 0C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C. 700 to 800m, may drop slightly lower in heavier precipitation. |

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 22 January, 2025**

Deteriorating later this week - a series of storm systems coming in from the Atlantic through late January bringing frequently severe conditions to the mountains. Thursday sees winds reach gale force on many tops with a spell of heavy rain and upland snow developing from the west. By Friday, severe conditions from lower elevations upward, hurricane-force winds over the mountains, plus extensive rain and hill snow. Gales continue into Saturday, severe for the Highlands. Snow is likely to accumulate over Scottish mountains during the next week or so with only brief thawing. More variable temperatures for England and Wales with cycles of freeze and thaw. Atlantic patterns likely prevail into early February.

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