

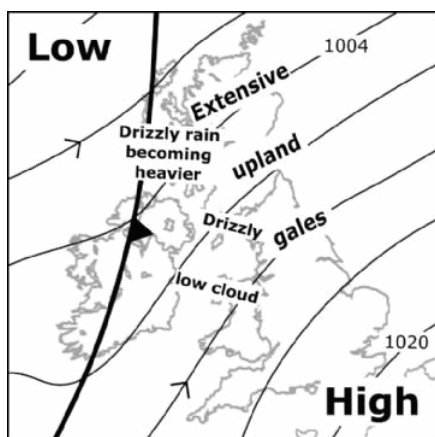
Southern Uplands

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, 11 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 December, 2025

Gale force winds across most hills and mountains, severe gales high Scottish tops particularly morning in west, powerful gusts downslope in places. Low cloud and some drizzly rain west, mostly dry east/northeast. More persistent rain develops for western Scotland afternoon onward.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Upland gales. Light rain / drizzle, low cloud west, better east.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 11 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	South-southwesterly 40 to 50mph, strongest in western areas up to 60mph in morning, but powerful gusts likely widely.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging walking conditions, remaining difficult over higher tops in west, some strong gusts downslope. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Damp toward southwest, rain later west Drizzly rain mostly in areas near to the Solway up to Moffat hills. Spots in the wind elsewhere, but often dry north and eastern areas. Toward dusk, steadier rain Galloway, then more widely evening into night.
Cloud on the hills?	Increasingly persistent west, clearer east Low cloud banks cover southern hills near and west of the M74 corridor perhaps all day to 400-500m, filling in most extensively afternoon. Higher breaks north and eastward, hills clearer Pentlands.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%, dropping to 20% west.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun mostly near Lothians and Cheviots, cloudier west/southwest areas. Hazy or misty west, otherwise good visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	5C, slight drop into night to 3C. Feeling like -7 to -10C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 12 December	Saturday 13 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	West-southwesterly 15-25mph, lowest in east for a time in morning, but rising from west, 35-40mph up to dusk. Changeable: fairly small for a period mainly in east, but walking increasingly strenuous in exposure with wind chill.	Southwesterly, strengthening during daytime from 30-40mph to 50-60mph, risk stronger gusts toward evening. Challenging conditions from mid-elevations upward, increasingly any mobility difficult on higher terrain; significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Early rain east soon clears Raining over the east Borders, Lothians and Cheviot at dawn, dry to the west. This rain soon clears to the east. A few odd showers may drift onto the south Galloway hills.	Small amounts rain, but heavier later Patchy spots of rain or drizzle most frequent western areas, whilst further east more often dry in morning. During afternoon, more persistent then heavier rain setting in from west.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Mostly central/western high terrain From dawn, only high tops in cloud in Galloway, more extensive over eastern tops briefly. Bases will lift with breaks, best east; high tops of the Borders and Galloway will often be in cloud, lower bases later. Rising to 50% east, 30% west	Most persistent west, lowering Varied banks of cloud in morning, but may cover many hills from Solway to Moffat hills. Increasingly filling in and lowering across western hills, but breaks may remain over eastern hills. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine, most frequent north and east areas. Very clear air at first but becoming hazy from the west.	Largely cloudy, high cloud thickening. Visibility good in eastern areas, hazier west, reduced if in rain, later poor.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	From dawn, 5C east, 3C west, soon widely 3C. Feeling like -12C in wind late in the day. Above the summits	2C rising steadily to later reach 5C. Wind chill feeling around -10C. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 12 December, 2025

Staying unsettled into the weekend and beyond as southwesterly winds prevail and low pressure systems pass to the northwest of Scotland; sustained gales over the mountains, severe or stormy for periods. Temperatures only just below freezing intermittently on higher Scottish tops, even here will experience spells above freezing with thawing, any lying snow patchy, but beware some icy surfaces on the very highest tops where some refreezing occurs. Rainfall will be frequent and heavy for periods, sometimes showery with hail. Expect very wet ground conditions and further flooding of streams and some rivers.

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