

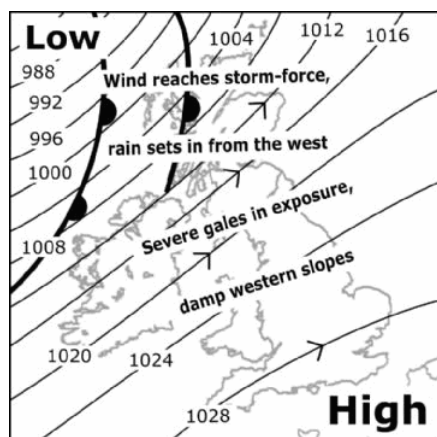
Southern Uplands

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, 13 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 December, 2025

Increasingly severe conditions Scottish Highlands: gusty storm-force winds on high terrain and becoming wet from the west. Gales in England and Wales, severe from Snowdonia towards Lakeland/north Pennines; drizzly rain on western slopes, patches drifting east. Driest south Pennines.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Severe gales, storm-force gusts; afternoon rain from the west

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 13 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 40-45mph, soon strengthening, reaching a gusty 55-65mph afternoon, risk gusts of 70mph+ later in the day into evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Increasingly challenging from mid-elevations up, mobility becomes difficult on higher terrain, severe gusts late in the day including some less exposed areas; significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Afternoon rain west, more patchy east A few patchy spots of rain near the Solway/Cheviot through the morning but often dry. During afternoon, rain sets in from the northwest, spreading widely across Dumfries and Galloway into evening with patches drifting to eastern hills, moreso after dark.
Cloud on the hills?	Most persistent west, lowering Varied banks of cloud in morning, but may cover many summits from Galloway to Moffat hills, as well as the Cheviot. Increasingly filling in and lowering across western hills, but breaks may remain over eastern Borders/Lothians until later afternoon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Morning patchy sun soon becomes weakened by high cloud, later overcast. Visibility good in eastern areas, hazier west, deteriorating from the west as rain arrives.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C rising steadily to reach 5C by dusk, rising several more degrees after dark. Wind chill feeling around -10 to -12C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 14 December	Monday 15 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	A gusty southwesterly, sustained winds between 45-55mph, risk strengthening, most notably east, 60mph over tops. Strong gusty winds will challenge balance and stability all day, including downslope. Significant wind chill.	A variable westerly 15-20mph, may lull for periods; risk much stronger early. Fairly small, though risk more notable effects early.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Often raining, persistent west Persistent rain from south Galloway to the Moffat hills, may be often heavy. Patches passing further north/east, a risk of setting in widely for periods.	Rain mostly east Frequent or persistent rain over the Cheviots, reaching the Borders and Lothians for periods, a risk of extended falls here too. Drier Galloway though some patchy rain onto slopes near the Solway.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Mostly south/west, more variable east A layer of cloud cloaks the summits of Galloway towards the Moffat hills with bases variably down to 400-600m on slopes facing Irish Sea/Solway. Cloud often covering the east Borders and Cheviot though variable. 10% west, 30% Cheviot/Lothians	Mostly east, variable caps to the west Cloud shrouds the Cheviot all day, perhaps to middle slopes. Cloud caps over summits will frequent south Galloway and the western Borders as well, though these variable, at times lower but also clearing. 40% west, 20% east
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	No sunshine expected and often dull. Variable visibility, often dull west, best in the east during dry periods.	Little sunshine expected. Good visibility out of cloud/rain.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	6 to 8C; variable and similar temperatures at all altitudes. Feeling like -5C in direct wind. Above the summits	3 or 4C, a degree warmer east. Several degrees warmer at and before dawn. Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 14 December, 2025

A brief spell of drier-brighter weather on Tuesday, but otherwise staying unsettled into next week as southwesterly winds prevail and low pressure systems pass to the northwest of Scotland; sustained gales over the mountains, severe or stormy for periods. Bands of rain will regularly pass eastward across most areas, showery in the west between wetter spells with hail at times. Expect very wet ground conditions and further flooding of streams and some rivers. Mild for the time of year, 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. Detail becomes very uncertain after next weekend though temperatures likely to drop.

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