

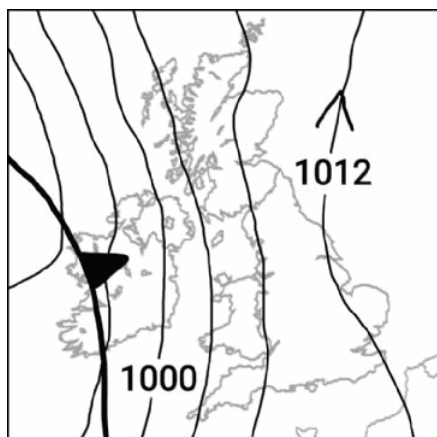
Southern Uplands

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, 20 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 December, 2025

South to south-easterly winds, reaching gale force for western hills, local drizzly showers southwestern Scotland as well as Wales, with rain into Pembrokeshire later. Elsewhere, areas of weak sun and low cloud. Low cloud focused on eastern side of Pennines and also southern and eastern Highlands.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Very blustery winds, isolated showers in the west. Occasional hill fog.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 20 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	South to south-easterly 20 to 30mph, but perhaps 40mph westernmost hills for a time.
Effect of wind on you?	A very blustery and gusty airflow, arduous towards west coast especially, with considerable buffeting and wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Isolated showers, mostly in west Isolated drizzly showers, mainly hills west of the M74.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive in the west Banks of low cloud covering the hills fairly extensive across hills west of the M74, lowest bases toward the Solway. Mainly just occasional caps of cloud over tops elsewhere.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40% west, 70% east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A little weak sun possible should cloud layers thin, mostly likely in the east. Visibility good or very good General haze west coast.
How Cold? (at 750m)	3 or 4C. Directly in the wind feeling like -10C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 21 December	Monday 22 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 20 to 30mph	Southeasterly 15 to 25mph
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery and gusty winds, with sudden, strong gusts running downslope from ridges and passes. Significant wind chill.	Blustery at times with marked wind chill where exposed to the wind.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain, perhaps persistent later. Patches of rain through the day. May be very little for a few hours, before there is a risk of a batch of more persistent rain moving up from the south in the afternoon.	Rain and drizzle becoming patchy A warm front and its widespread rain clears early, but further patches of rain and drizzle following, mainly to hills east of the M74.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive Fairly extensive banks of cloud covering the hills through the day. Lowest bases across the Cheviots up to the Pentlands and also hills nearest the Solway.	Fairly extensive, but breaks west coast. Fairly extensive banks at varying heights in rain. As rain clears, very disorganised cloud banks, some hills in fog, whilst others clear, with best breaks west coast.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	20%, but 60% westernmost hills.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensively dull. Visibility perhaps good at times, but marked haze and poor when in rain.	Little or no sun. Visibility poor in rain, but tending to become good, despite a slight haze.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Around 2C	4C
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 21 December, 2025

A much drier and chiller theme develops into the Christmas period and perhaps into the New Year, as high pressure builds to the north and northeast and maybe later in the period overhead over Scotland when inversion conditions would be in place. An extensive cloud sheet will likely come in from the North Sea over many days with light snow showers or flurries likely, rain to lower slopes, but many areas dry. Best breaks in the west.

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