

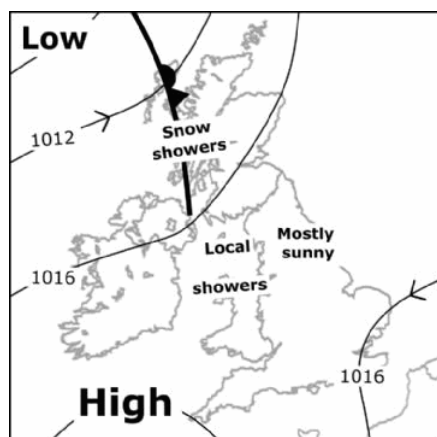
Southern Uplands

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, 10 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 10 January, 2026

Most terrain frozen, snow cover over many hills, beware icy surfaces even lower down. Wind fairly light, but windy Scottish highlands. Some snow showers and flurries, the snow frequent W & NW Highlands where hills extensively foggy.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Wind increases, local snow showers western hills.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 10 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly 10 to 15mph, increasing soonest in Dumfries and Galloway to 20-25mph, more widely during afternoon, later west-southwesterly. Strengthening onward into the night to gales 45-60mph. Fairly small in morning, but becoming more blustery with marked wind chill on hills. Deteriorating significantly into night.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Local snow flurries west Occasional showers Dumfries and Galloway, snow flurries on hills, mostly rain below 500m. Largely dry eastern areas.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Patches forming mostly in showers Patches or fragments of cloud around some slopes and tops, may come and go, but filling more widely above 600-700m in west where showers occur. Some mist possible into valleys in morning. 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun, mostly in east. Visibility very good, but reduced to locally poor if in snow showers in west.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-1 or -2C. Feeling like -8C if exposed to wind. Much terrain frozen into valleys inland; some slopes to 400-500m just above freezing, 600m near coasts in SW.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 11 January	Monday 12 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly, in range 40 to 60mph, peak speeds likely to vary during day.	Southwesterly 45 to 60mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions with frequent buffeting and powerful gusts to some lower slopes, significant wind chill.	Challenging conditions, arduous walking over the hills, buffeting gusts to some lower slopes. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow turning to heavy rain, soon west Snow developing before dawn from the southwest, heavy over many hills, but soon sleet or rain in west to mid-upper slopes, possibly freezing rain for a time. Increasingly turning to rain to higher elevations, often heavy in west.	Frequent or persistent rain Rain on and off all day, occasionally heavier, most persistent Dumfries & Galloway. Smaller amounts Borders to Lothians. Very wet underfoot following previous rain.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Shrouding the hills widely all day, to lower slopes near the Solway, highest bases toward the Pentlands, above tops for periods.	Fairly extensive over tops Often covering hills above 600-700m, at times 500m near to Solway. Higher breaks more common further north/eastward.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and mostly dull. Visibility generally very poor, appalling for a time if in snow on hills.	Glimpses of sun mostly Borders to Lothians. Slight haze, visibility reduced to poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-1C at first, rising toward +3 to 5C, small variation of temperature with height. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C. 300 to 500m at dawn inland and east, partly frozen into inland valleys; rising rapidly above freezing to highest tops.	3 or 4C. Wind chill feeling around -10C where directly exposed on tops. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 11 January, 2026

Thawing develops during Sunday, snow turning to rain, rising just above freezing toward highest tops in Scotland, whilst in England and Wales a more rapid and substantial thaw - beware unstable snowpack conditions, then becoming very wet underfoot where melting occurs. A complex and unsettled outlook next week, generally less cold than recently, but still often below freezing over Scottish mountains above 800-1000m, and at least intermittently below freezing over tops in England and Wales. A mix of snow and rain will fall, often snow on Scottish tops with fresh accumulations. Some showery days with hail. Wind will vary in speed and direction day-to-day, some lulls, but risk gales at times on hills.

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