

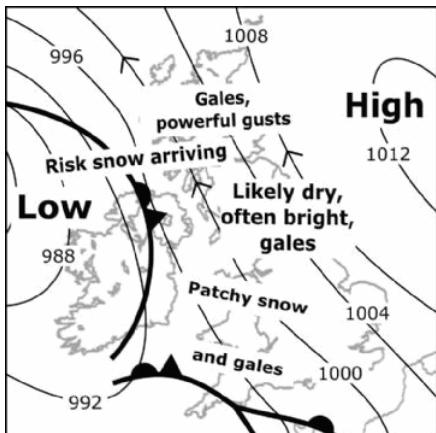
Southern Uplands

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 Wednesday, 18 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 18 February, 2026

Cold with widespread gales in exposure; powerful gusts and severe wind chill. North and west Scotland often dry and free of cloud; an increasing risk of snow south with time, possibly east as well. English hills largely dry, hill cloud mostly isolated to high Pennines. Cloudier Wales with snow arriving from the south.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Gales, powerful gusts, and severe chill factor; inland hills clear

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 18 February, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 35-45mph, always strongest in the west, also very gusty over high terrain, most powerful gusts in the west approaching 55mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous walking and severe wind chill; stability constantly affected on high terrain in buffeting gusts; strongest gusts may knock you off your feet.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no precipitation Small chance of a few snow flurries over high terrain in the far west and east (slopes nearest the coasts), a few patches may drift further east into Dumfries and Galloway, but otherwise dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Likely little Cloud caps occasionally graze the high tops of the Cheviots and Galloway hills, other hills free of cloud. A rising chance of banks over high terrain of Borders and Cheviots late in the day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often sunny but weakened by high cloud, may become more substantially shrouded in the west with time. Very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3 or -4C from dawn, the coldest temperatures on central and western hills. Likely rising a degree. Feeling as cold as -18C in strongest wind.
Freezing Level	Terrain widely frozen, thaws up to 400-500m, then refreezing fairly widely overnight.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 19 February	Friday 20 February
How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 30-40mph, gusty; a gradual southerly trend with time and trending towards lighter speeds.	South-southwesterly 30-40mph, strongest west and becoming more widely near 40-45mph or higher and gusty.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous to start the day, effects easing but walking remains strenuous with buffeting and significant wind chill.	Arduous walking with significant wind chill; stability constantly challenged; a deteriorating trend is possible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation unlikely Small chance of some light snow flurries affecting Galloway, but likely dry.	Periods of rain Several areas of rain will pass east through the day; falling as snow early but the level rising. Best dry periods to the northeast. High Galloway to Moffat hills sometimes drizzly between rain.
Cloud on the hills?	Little or no cloud Early in the day, clouds may cap the high tops of the Cheviots and Galloway hills, and perhaps some lower bases in the eastern Cheviots. Most cloud will clear, though a risk of caps lingering on Merrick at times.	Fairly extensive Cloud likely shrouds the high tops all day, filling in extensively to middle slopes during periods of rain, but breaks to high terrain or locally to some summits during breaks in rain. Southwestern aspects will see the most persistent cloud.
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often sunny but weakened by high cloud. Very good visibility, some haze near the Central Belt.	Mostly cloudy but some bright/sunny breaks will come and go, best towards the Central Belt. Variable visibility, very good when out of cloud and rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-2 or -3C from dawn, lifting slightly, to -1C but local variability is likely. Feeling like -10 to -12C in direct wind.	0C from dawn, lifting to 3 or 4C. Feeling like -5 to -10C in direct wind.
Freezing Level	200-300m from dawn, lifting to 500-600m, though higher thaws possible on aspects near Central Belt.	500-600m, though variable, some low slope frosts at dawn; rising with time above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 19 February, 2026

Much terrain in England and Scotland remains frozen as the weekend approaches. However, freezing level will be less well defined on western slopes as stable downslope flow may warm and thaw frozen ground up to middle elevations, particularly in Wales and England. Friday into the weekend sees a switch to southwesterly winds, bringing milder conditions - lifting above freezing to tops in England and Wales, and generally higher freezing levels in Scotland; periods of thawing to Munro summits will occur but also further snowfall on higher terrain during the day-to-day variability of precipitation and freezing levels. Often cloudy with periods of rain further south, most often affecting western and southern hills where cloud will be lowest and at times drizzly in the south. Often windy with upland gales.

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