

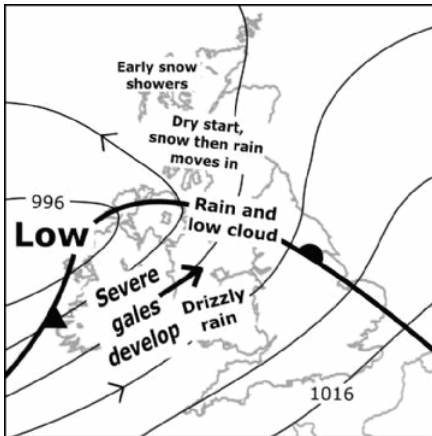
# Southern Uplands

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, 4 April, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 4 April, 2026**

A fine start for much of Highlands, a lull in wind, but snow moving in from south, setting in widely afternoon; snow to low elevations, then abruptly rain to tops in southern Highlands later. Rapidly strengthening gales for England & Wales, becoming stormy, extending across Scotland afternoon into evening.

### Headline for Southern Uplands

Gales develop, later stormy. Rain, brief snow, low cloud.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 4 April, 2026

<p><b>How windy? (On the summits)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>Soon southerly, briefly below 20mph early in day, but rapid increase to 50-60mph afternoon, soonest west, 70-80mph later afternoon, reaching 90mph higher tops later evening. Powerful damaging gusts to lower slopes.</p> <p><b>Small early in day, but deteriorating significantly during daytime - with time any mobility increasingly difficult, gusts could blow you over even at mid-heights. Significant wind chill.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b></p>	<p><b>Rain developing, setting in; heaviest west</b></p> <p>Dry start, for most of morning Lothians to Cheviots. Patchy rain developing in west, briefly snow on tops. Increasingly persistent rain sets in from southwest, heaviest Dumfries and Galloway. Further heavy rain widely into evening, intense bursts for a time passing east.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p> <p><b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b></p>	<p><b>Lowering extensively</b></p> <p>Patchy cloud mostly around southern slopes in the morning, many hills clear for a few hours. Increasingly lowering across the hills as rain develops, filling in to lower elevations near Solway.</p> <p><b>60% early in day, dropping to 10%</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Any weak sun in morning soon giving way to overcast skies. Visibility very good at first, for several hours east/north, then reducing to be poor.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>-1C rising to +3C afternoon, then dropping back to -1C into night. Feeling like -10C or below as wind strengthens.</p> <p>Frost in sheltered valleys at dawn, 600m by mid-morning, may vary for a time in rain/snow, then abrupt rise well above the tops. Rapid drop into night to 500-600m.</p>

## Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 5 April	Monday 6 April
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Stormy conditions overnight lessen, but still near 60mph at dawn in east, then westerly 35 to 50mph, easing a little late in day. <b>Frequent buffeting, walking arduous much of daytime over higher terrain. Significant wind chill.</b>	Southwest turning southerly, 20 to 30mph, tending to strengthen during day, may reach 35-40mph Galloway tops. <b>Increasingly affecting ease of walking on higher western hills, gusty in places around high tops.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Showery hail and snow; risk lightning</b> Generally showery, heavy bursts with hail, and snow to some lower elevations early in day, becoming mostly rain or hail below 500m with time. Showers fading toward evening. Risk isolated thunder & lightning.	<b>Rare if any light rain</b> Risk patchy drizzle Galloway, mostly southern hills. Substantially or completely dry elsewhere.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Varying, breaks above tops</b>  Patchy cloud drifting over higher slopes, most often in western areas above 700m, briefly lower in showers. More often clearing eastwards.	<b>Some patches west, otherwise little</b>  Banks of cloud drifting onto hills mostly southern areas toward the Solway Firth. Rare patches elsewhere, but most hills free of low cloud.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>50% near Solway, to 90% north/east</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of bright sunshine and very good visibility, but very poor or temporarily appalling in cloud, hail or snow.	Sunshine and a veil of high cloud, thicker in west, risk more overcast Galloway. Visibility very good, but hazier toward Solway.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-2C rising to around 0C afternoon. Feeling like -12 to -15C in the wind.  500m from dawn, rising to 700-800m afternoon, but lowering briefly again around showers.	0C at dawn, rising to 4C afternoon. Feeling like -7C directly in wind all day west, around -2C in east afternoon.  Frost in valleys, much upland terrain frozen at first. Typically 700m mid-morning, lifting above all summits by early afternoon.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 5 April, 2026**

Winter mountain conditions for Easter Sunday - all mountain tops sub-zero all day, above 600-700m in Scotland, 800m in England and Wales - hail and snow showers with gales bringing severe chill factor. Milder southerlies develop during Monday, dry and many hills clear with hazy sun, but gusty wind, risk of gales mainly west coastal mountains of Scotland. Quite warm by Tuesday, but strong to gale force south-southeasterly winds; dry for many, rain encroaching into western Scotland, thawing of recent snow. Scotland likely remains changeable, often windy later in the week, rain at times, varying temperatures, at times below freezing on higher Munros. Often drier and lighter winds for England and Wales.

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