

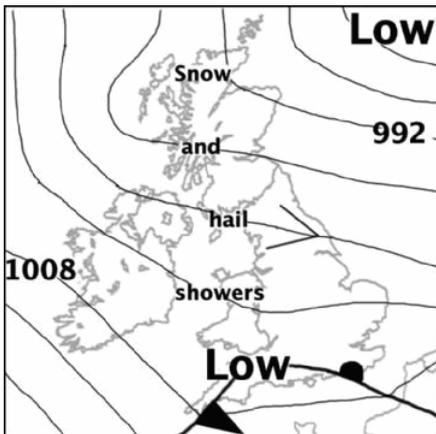
Southeastern Highlands

Hills accessed from Callander, Loch Tay and Loch Rannoch areas. Areas east of Loch Ericht, and south of Dalwhinnie, upper Glen Feshie and the River Dee (includes southernmost Cairngorm NP).



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General Summary for Thursday, 12 January, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 January, 2017

Upland gales ease temporarily, although in Wales a marked lull before winds abruptly strengthen in afternoon. Widespread snow and hail showers will penetrate to valleys, although across Wales, an area of rain affecting mainly the south will turn to snow before easing.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Upland gales temporarily easing; frequent snow and hail.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 12 January, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	West veering northwesterly. Wind speeds will vary; perhaps temporarily afternoon no more than 25mph. But after dawn 45 to 55mph and well after dark increasingly 60 to 90mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Anticipate very difficult conditions and severe wind chill on higher areas, most widely morning and particularly from north into the night.
How wet?	Snow and hail; sometimes frequent Snow and hail showers, sometimes in clusters, giving very frequent precipitation and whiteout over a couple of hours - particularly central highlands. Least precipitation toward and east of Glenshee. Snow will penetrate into the glens.
Cloud on the hills?	Often clearing Cloud base quickly changing: Fragments of cloud at around 600m near precipitation, but most often the base between 900 and 1150m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bursts of sunshine, although often sunny near and east of Glenshee . Varied visibility: hazy at best to appalling visibility where in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-4C
Freezing Level	350m

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 13 January	Saturday 14 January
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	North or northwesterly 45-55mph. morning. Will ease temporarily afternoon. Difficult walking conditions and severe wind chill on higher areas. Slight easing in the conditions may occur afternoon.	Northwest backing toward westerly tending to drop from west from 40-45mph to 25-30mph. Walking difficult on higher areas particularly toward and east of Glenshee in morning.
How wet?	Snow and hail showers Hail and snow showers. Possible whiteout due to snow and blowing of previous snow. However, only a few showers or just flurries toward and south of Loch Tay to Spittal of Glenshee.	Precipitation rare, if any Risk isolated snow showers or flurries, most likely Angus in morning. Also risk of light precipitation on and off central highlands by dusk.
Cloud on the hills?	Occasionally covering higher tops Expect cloud base to change quickly, bringing cloud below 500m near showers. Nevertheless, often little cloud below 1050m and higher summits intermittently clearing.	Mostly confined to higher tops Overall, cloud rare below 800m and often confined above 1050m, perhaps breaks to higher tops. However, at least in morning, N Cairngorms east to Lochnagar may well have extensive cloud above 750 to 900m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%	60%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine intermittently, most widely south of Loch Tay to Spittal of Glenshee. The air often very clear, but anticipate appalling visibility in snow and cloud.	Sunshine fairly extensive, although N Cairngorms east to Lochnagar mostly cloudy. Frequently excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-6C. Close to or just below freezing point from glens up: nearly all terrain frozen.	-5C. Nearly all terrain frozen from glens up; slight thaw lowest slopes afternoon.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 13 January, 2017**

Widespread snow across the mountains through to the weekend and most terrain will be frozen, except for lower slopes in Wales.

Temperatures will tend to rise from the west over the weekend.

Substantially dry next week; summits may for periods be above freezing point, but latest evidence suggests under high pressure thaw will be slow. Highest risk of rain will be on the NW Highlands.

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