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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).

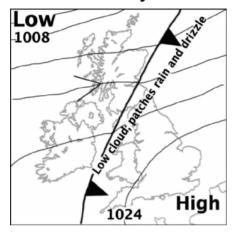




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General Summary for Saturday, 18 February, 2017



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 18 February, 2017

A weakening front will bring mostly low cloud and a little rain slowly southeastwards, although from S Scotland southwards the precise timing of the front is uncertain: East Wales and south Pennines may well be mostly fine with cloud above the tops. Upland gales Scottish Highlands.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Upland gales developing; rain on and off.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 18 February, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 30mph increasing progressively to 40 to perhaps by dusk 45mph.		
Effect of wind on you?	Walking becoming difficult across higher areas; significant wind chill.		
How wet?	Rain on and off.		
	Rain on and off morning. Will then clear to rare showers from west, although west of A9 the precipitation may be more frequent again late afternoon and turn to snow above 1050m.		
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive across the hills most or all day		
	Blanket cloud above 500 to 700m, highest near and east of Glenshee, albeit patches as low as 300-500m. Slowly from west will tend to improve to occasionally 600m but most cloud above 1000m.		
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Less than 10% morning, to 30% from west in afternoon		
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine rare, mainly lower areas well into afternoon. Fog extensive on the hills; below cloud hazy.		
How Cold? (at 900m)	4C dropping to 3C late in day. Will feel as cold as minus 10C directly in wind late in day.		
Freezing Level	Above summits morning; dropping to 1250m from west afternoon.		

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Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 19 February	Monday 20 February
How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly. Typically 30-35mph, but by dusk perhaps 45mph. There may be a slight lull middle of day or into afternoon.	Westerly 40 to 50mph
Effect of wind on you?	Frequently difficult walking conditions where exposed on higher areas. Significant wind chill.	Upland gales will make walking difficult where exposed on higher areas. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Little or no rain	Rain; most constant west of A9.
	Pockets of rain developing afternoon, mainly west of A9. Elsewhere, particularly toward and east of Glenshee, will have very little, perhaps no rain all day.	Almost incessant rain west of A9 and Ochils. Elsewhere, less rain eastwards: very little at all near and east of Glenshee. Later in day, perhaps after dark, from north abruptly turn to snow above 800m.
Cloud on the hills?	Many tops frequently cloud free	Very extensive; particularly west of A9
	Breaks to 800 to perhaps 1000m west of A9 and frequently cloud confined to patches on higher slopes elsewhere. Summits near and east of Glenshee rarely covered all day. However, in afternoon, west of A9 cloud will tend to lower in rain.	Blanket cloud across the mountains, often below 500m west of A9 and Ochils. Further east, most cloud above 650m and breaks to 900m near and east of Glenshee.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	10%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Patches of sun, widely near and east of Glenshee - although high level cloud will tend to fill in from west. Excellent visibility.	Rare pockets of sunshine lower areas east from Glenshee. Extensive fog; often hazy at best lower areas.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2 rising to 6C	6C; toward or during evening dropping abruptly to 2C.
Freezing Level	1200m before lifting above the summits.	Above the summits. Late in day or evening dropping to 1100m from north.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 19 February, 2017

Only brief periods of freeze on higher Scottish summits until Tuesday. Otherwise, temperatures above freezing point. There will be rain on and off, concentrated western Scotland.

From Wednesday, periods of upland gales and freeze thaw cycles will extend to higher tops England and Wales. Frequent precipitation, often snow, western mountains. .

Forecast issued at 12:09 on Friday, 17 February, 2017

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