

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).

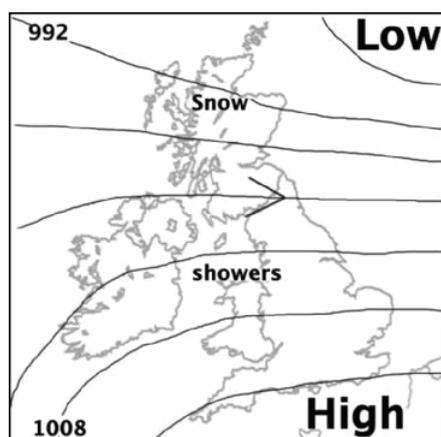


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General Summary for Tuesday, 21 March, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 March, 2017

Very cold showery westerly winds will by dawn have brought fresh snow to lower slopes or valleys, the precipitation heaviest western mountains. Widespread upland gales although through the day will ease. In Wales, winds less strong, but threat gales and snow by dusk.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Snow occasionally. Upland gales will ease afternoon.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 21 March, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly, 40 to 55mph morning. Then, perhaps erratically, dropping below 40mph, perhaps 30mph by dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking often difficult on higher areas. Severe wind chill.
How wet?	Snow and hail; mainly showers. Hail and snow showers occasionally. Nevertheless in morning threat over an hour or two of almost constant precipitation. Snow will lie from glens or lower slopes up.
Cloud on the hills?	Increasingly confined to higher tops Cloud base changing quickly: Rare patches below 600m near precipitation, but often confined above 900 to in afternoon 1100m when breaks likely to higher tops, particularly eastern of A9.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20% rising to 60% afternoon
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bursts of bright sunshine, particularly afternoon east of A9. Visibility frequently excellent, but suddenly appalling in cloud and snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-4C. Will feel as cold as minus 19 Celsius directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Typically 450m, although will vary between showers.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 22 March	Thursday 23 March
How windy? (On the Munros)	Confidence in this forecast low: Northeasterly 35-45mph.	Northeasterly; dropping from 40 to perhaps 50mph after dawn to 25-35mph by sunset.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable buffeting and significant wind chill.	Widespread considerable buffeting on higher areas in morning, but conditions will improve.
How wet?	Occasional snow & hail showers Snow on and off, most widely near and east of Glenshee, Snow will lie from glens up.	Snow on and off, will ease Confidence low: Patches or areas of snow may persist from dawn for several hours although will tend to ease or cease through the day. Least precipitation west of A9 where in places little more than flurries all day. Increasingly on lower slopes rain.
Cloud on the hills?	Very extensive and low Blanket cloud likely to shroud much of or all region above 350 to 600m, lowest base near and east of Glenshee and Ochils. However, breaks likely toward or perhaps above 900m west of A9	Covering most summits all day Cloud likely to shroud the hills extensively from dawn, forming lower slopes near and east of Glenshee and Ochils. Slowly the base will tend to lift; by mid-afternoon west of A9 there may be breaks to 900 or 1000m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	10%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Little or no sunshine. Slight haze and visibility appalling in snow & cloud.	Sunshine here and there mainly west of A9 afternoon. Fog widespread higher areas: appalling visibility where in cloud and snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3C	-3C morning; will rise slowly through day.
Freezing Level	600m; terrain widely frozen, although lower slopes thawing during day.	600m, rising to 800m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 22 March, 2017**

Cold conditions with snow on many mountains mid-week. A major change to dry and by the weekend much warmer weather will occur as a large area of high pressure then builds across Scotlan. Temporarily around Friday there may be a little rain on the northern NW Highlands. Overall though, dry for several days on all mountain areas. Temperatures will become very warm for March, particularly across the Scottish Highlands, although with frequently cloudless skies, night frost will occur in valleys.

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