

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).

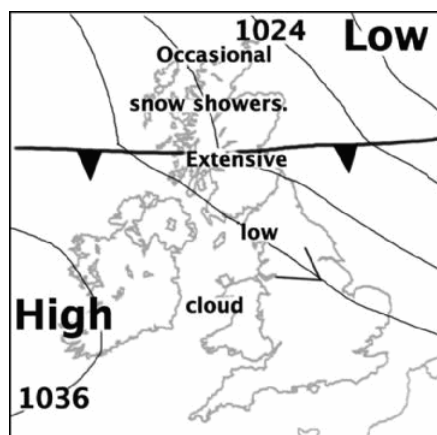


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General Summary for Friday, 21 April, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 April, 2017

Upland gales or near gales as a southward moving front approaches. Fog extensive many western mountains, and some rain (snow higher tops), mainly near the front. Total rainfall small. South Wales dry with light wind. Turning cold Scottish Highlands with snow showers.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Upland gales easing afternoon. Temperature dropping: snow showers.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 21 April, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	West to northwesterly 45, easing 35-40mph morning, although nearer 30mph lower summits near Central Belt. Will ease early afternoon to 25 to locally 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable buffeting and wind chill, particularly near showers.
How wet?	Rain occasionally; later clearing to isolated showers; snow higher tops. Rain on and off mainly later morning or middle of day. Will clear from the north into the afternoon, perhaps well into the afternoon near Central Belt. Total rainfall small. Will finish to give a dusting of snow above 800m. The isolated hail and snow showers or flurries.
Cloud on the hills?	Frequently clearing the summits Cloud base will vary; patches below 600m morning, most extensively west of A9. From north middle of day will lift to a few patches at 1050m, but mostly above the summits.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% rising to greater than 90% from north into afternoon
Sunshine and air clarity?	Little sun and intermittently poor visibility. Bright sun and excellent visibility later afternoon.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2C; dropping to 0C from north middle of day.
Freezing Level	1100m, dropping to 900m from north later middle of day.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 22 April	Sunday 23 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northwest backing westerly between 15 and 25mph. Speeds will drop through daylight. Small	Westerly in the range 35 to 45mph. Considerable buffeting where exposed across the hills. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Hail and snow showers Occasional brief snow and hail showers middle of day and afternoon. Mostly rain below 600m.	Rain on an off, mostly W of A9 Rain, frequently west of A9 in Perthshire, occasional elsewhere. Intermittently snow higher tops. May change to showers evening; snow then penetrating to 500m.
Cloud on the hills?	Summits frequently cloud free Cloud will lower to about 700m briefly near showers, but otherwise, cloud base by late morning above 1100m.	Extensive across higher areas Cloud will shroud higher mountains all or nearly all day: mostly above 500 or 600m west of A9 whilst east of A9, rarely below 600m and breaks to 1000m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%	30%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bursts of bright sunshine. Superb visibility.	Sunshine rarely valleys near and east of A9. Fog across the mountains most or all day. Frequently hazy or misty below cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	1C 1050m. Frost some valleys at dawn.	-1 to 3C, generally warmest afternoon ahead of a sudden drop. 800m to 1300m, lowest post dawn and may drop again abruptly by dusk.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 22 April, 2017**

Over the weekend, a few snow and hail showers on Saturday before cloud shrouds western mountains on Sunday, when winds strengthen and rain (snow higher tops) spreads south across Scotland.

An abrupt change from Monday: Winds persistently northerly and intermittently near gale force will bring markedly low freezing levels. Snow and hail showers (sometimes very frequent or almost constant snow for a few hours particularly N Scotland) - even on some lower slopes as summit temperatures drop lower than at any time this winter.

Forecast issued at 7:19 on Friday, 21 April, 2017

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