

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).

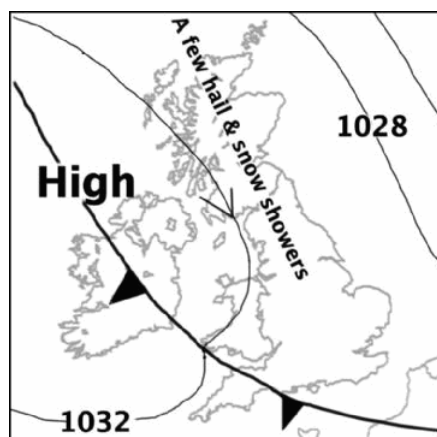


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General Summary for Saturday, 22 April, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 22 April, 2017

Fairly light wind and just a few showers as a ridge of high pressure moves in from the west. Higher summits in Scotland will remain below freezing point and here showers of hail and snow. Across Britain the air will be very clear and most cloud will be above higher summits.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Fairly light wind. Isolated brief hail/snow showers. Very clear air.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 22 April, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northwest backing westerly between 15 and 20mph, although post dawn perhaps 25mph near and east of Glenshee.
Effect of wind on you?	Small
How wet?	Hail and snow showers Occasional brief snow and hail showers middle of day and afternoon. Mostly rain below 600m.
Cloud on the hills?	Summits frequently cloud free Cloud will lower to about 800m briefly near showers, but otherwise, cloud base by late morning above the summits.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Greater than 90%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bright sunshine morning; cloud will tend to fill in somewhat afternoon. Superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to 2C.
Freezing Level	900 rising to 1150m. Frost some valleys at dawn.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 23 April	Monday 24 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly, progressively strengthening from 20-25mph to by late afternoon 35 to 45mph. Considerable buffeting will develop where exposed across the hills. Significant wind chill.	Wind may vary considerably and abruptly: northwesterly, up to 55mph for periods, but there may be a lull toward 25mph. Anticipate very difficult walking and severe wind chill. On higher areas, general mobility may suddenly become difficult.
How wet?	Rain rarely Dry nearly all day although later afternoon or evening a few patches of light rain may reach at least hills west of the A9.	Hail & snow. Risk lightning. Ranging from periods of little or no precipitation to sudden heavy but fairly brief hail and snow showers with risk thunder and the risk for an hour or so of almost constant sometimes heavy snow, possibly giving whiteout.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Mostly confined to higher tops Cloud likely to be confined above 1100 to 1300m much of the day. A deterioration from the west now likely only slowly through the afternoon and evening when patches will form at about 650m west of A9 and mostly above 750m elsewhere. 70%	Occasionally extensive Often summits cloud free. But expect sudden changes; near showers cloud temporarily below 700m, and sometimes constant cloud above about 600m for an hour or so. 70%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine intermittently although turning cloudy from west afternoon. Fog across the mountains most or all day. Frequently hazy or misty below cloud.	Patches of sunshine and sometimes excellent visibility. But periods of dense fog on the hills, giving near zero visibility in snow/blowing snow.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-1 rising to 3C. 800m to 1300m, lowest post dawn and may well drop abruptly again later in day.	Varying between -2 and -4C. Varying between temporarily 400m to most often 600 to 750m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 23 April, 2017**

An abrupt change on Monday as very cold air spreads southwards. Until Thursday, winds persistently northerly, intermittently near gale force, will bring very 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 as low as, if not lower than at any time this winter.

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