

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).

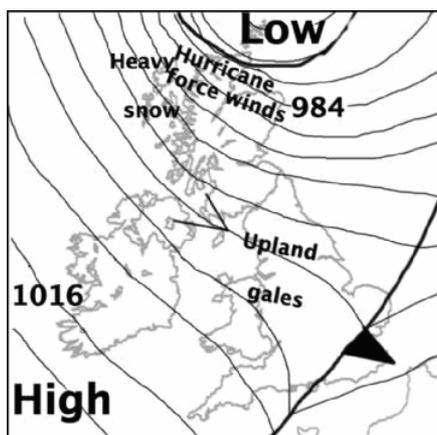


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General Summary for Thursday, 7 December, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 7 December, 2017

Exceptionally severe Scottish Highlands: storm or hurricane force upland winds (strongest N/E), considerable snow (centred western hills) giving sustained whiteout. Upland gales elsewhere and progressively dropping temperature will result in showers being increasingly of snow.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Very severe: Hurricane force winds; frequent snow; whiteout.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 7 December, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	West, or soon after dawn northwesterly. Soon abruptly 60 to in gusts 100mph. Ferocious gusts to 80mph lower slopes near showers. Speeds a little lower near Central Belt.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult walking even on lower slopes. Any mobility tortuous on higher area. Sudden ferocious gusts even on lower slopes. E Extreme wind chill.
How wet?	Snow showers; fewest toward Central Belt Sudden heavy snow and hail showers giving frequent whiteout, particularly central highlands. Thunder possible. Fewest showers hills south of Loch Tay to about Spittal of Glenshee. Snow will increasingly lie on lower slopes, on by dusk into the glens.
Cloud on the hills?	Intermittently covering higher areas. Rapid changes in cloud base in and out of showers. Patches of low cloud will form on lower slopes near and during precipitation, but lifting above summits at times, particularly Angus and south of Loch Tay.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bursts of bright sun between snow showers. Visibility often very poor due to falling and blowing snow, but between the showers excellent; mainly lower slopes.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Dropping progressively through day; down to -4 or -5C by dusk. Will feel as cold as minus 24 Celsius directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Mountain terrain increasingly freezing over as freezing level drops progressively toward 300m.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 8 December	Saturday 9 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northwesterly 45-55mph. Walking widely difficult, especially during squally snow showers, with significant buffeting and extreme wind chill.	Northwesterly 35 to 45mph, generally strongest near/east of Glenshee. Marginal decrease in speed during daylight. Considerable buffeting on higher areas, particularly near showers. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Frequent snow and hail showers Sudden snow and hail showers will be fairly frequent and give whiteout at times and risk of lightning. Snow will lie from glens up. Few showers south of Loch Tay to about Spittal of Glenshee where mostly flurries.	Snow showers or flurries Snow showers although very few south of Loch Tay and Pitlochry, where perhaps only flurries.
Cloud on the hills?	Varying rapidly in and out of showers Rapid changes in cloud base; from fleeting glimpses toward higher tops between showers to frequently cloud to a few hundred metres in snow.	Often clearing higher areas Continually changing cloud base: near showers, shafts of cloud below 600 or 700m, but otherwise breaks to higher summits - extensive south of Loch Tay and Pitlochry and across Angus.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50%	60%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Intermittent bright sun between the showers. The air very clear, but visibility rapidly deteriorating where in snow and cloud.	Bright sunshine, most frequently south of Loch Tay and Pitlochry. The air very clear - but sudden poor visibility in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-7C Almost all terrain frozen from valleys or just above valleys up.	-6C Almost all terrain frozen. Only slight thawing lowest sunlit slopes.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 8 December, 2017**

Cold throughout the next 10 days, although across mainly Wales, incursions of warmer air will bring freeze thaw cycles to higher areas. Elsewhere, upland areas substantially frozen. Centres of low pressure will track southeast across Britain bringing bouts of sustained snowfall (although not areas will get these). Between areas of fine clear air with light winds, but locally windy with clusters of snow showers near some coasts.

Forecast issued at 7:14 on Thursday, 7 December, 2017

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