

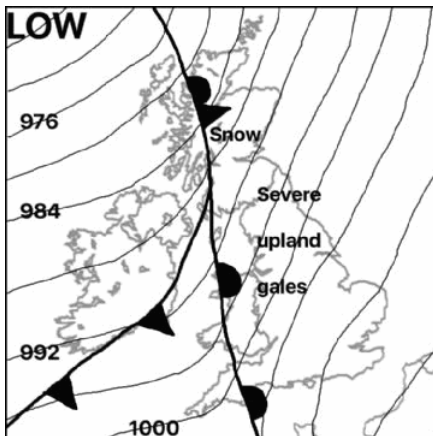
Southeastern Highlands

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 Wednesday, 14 February, 2018



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 14 February, 2018

A very windy day across all mountains with severe upland southerly gales, storm force over the Munros, giving severe wind chill. A frontal system will spread east across the country bringing snow to all areas; although will turn to rain at all levels in England and Wales. Sustained whiteout likely across the southern and western Highlands.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Storm force winds/severe wind chill. Snow spreading northeast.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 14 February, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly 55 to 80mph. Later in the afternoon, veering southwesterly and easing to 35-45mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Very difficult walking conditions across the hills, in some areas any mobility difficult. Some sudden ferocious gusts will reach lower slopes. Severe wind chill.
How wet?	Snow pushing in; then rain lower slopes. After a dry start, snow will become widespread by late morning, particularly near and west of A9, where whiteout very likely. Temporarily during afternoon turning to rain up to 600m, perhaps 700m.
Cloud on the hills?	Becoming extensive in snow Cloud becoming extensive from the southwest through the morning with bases lowering to 500-700m. During snow, patches of cloud will form from lower slopes up.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Soon lowering to 10%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine unlikely. Extensively misty at best; widely appalling visibility higher slopes.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3C rising slowly to -1C into afternoon (colder again overnight). Wind chill making it feel like -22C.
Freezing Level	300m rising temporarily toward 800m from west. 700m by dusk. Much terrain remaining frozen and icy.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 15 February	Friday 16 February
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 30-40mph. Walking arduous at times across higher areas with severe wind chill.	Low confidence: Southwesterly in the range 25-35mph; strongest through the morning when perhaps 40mph for a few hours. Will likely impede walking at times across higher areas, perhaps locally arduous in morning, with significant wind chill.
How wet?	Occasional snow and hail showers. Occasional snow and hail showers; these mainly affecting hills west of the A9 where there will be temporary whiteout. Snow will fall into the glens. Very little bar the odd flurry getting in across eastern most hills.	Occasional snow showers; mainly west A scattering of snow showers; these mainly across hills west of the A9 in the morning where they may be frequent over an hour or two.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Confined to higher areas Cloud generally confined to higher western areas above 800-1000m with transient shafts of cloud forming down to lower slopes in snow. However, even here there will be some clearances to the tops between the showers. East of Glenshee; very little cloud expected on the hills. 50%	Fairly extensive Cloud will be fairly extensive across the hills through the day with bases generally around 700-900m, lowest in the south and west, with transient shafts of cloud down to lower slopes; especially in snow. 30%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Occasional sunshine; most widespread across eastern hills. Visibility excellent, but becoming very poor in snow and cloud.	Glimpses of sunshine; most likely across eastern hills. Visibility generally very good; but falling very poor in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-4C 300-400m. Much terrain remaining frozen and icy.	Around -3C Around 500-600m

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 15 February, 2018**

Cold westerly winds will bring further snow showers to the mountains on Thursday; these heaviest and most frequent across western Scotland. Remaining cold into Friday with further snow showers in the northwest, but drier across England and Wales. Into the weekend; becoming substantially dry as high pressure builds over, or near by, the British Isles. However, weak fronts may bring a little rain across the west and northwest Highlands.

Forecast issued at 15:29 on Tuesday, 13 February, 2018

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