

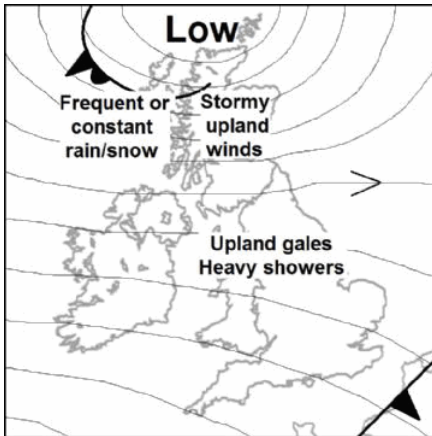
Southeastern Highlands

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, 7 December, 2018



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 7 December, 2018

A stormy day across the Scottish mountains, and severe upland gales on higher terrain of England & Wales. Sustained periods of heavy snow and whiteout across the W/NW Highlands. Elsewhere sudden heavy showers, of snow, hail or rain lower slopes. Chance of thunder.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Hurricane force winds on mountains. Snow setting in west.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 7 December, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwest veering westerly, 60 to 80mph most or all of daylight, likely strongest afternoon; gusts over 90mph higher tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Any mobility very difficult even on lower slopes. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow and hail showers, may set in later west Overnight snow and rain pushes away eastwards from dawn. Then snow showers spreading from west, most frequent west of A9, may become near-constant snow in NW Perthshire by afternoon. Often dry toward and east of Glenshee.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive on higher areas Covering higher mountains extensively; the cloud base typically between 700 and 1000m. Generally highest bases toward and east of Glenshee. Fleeting breaks to higher tops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief glimpses of sun near and east of Glenshee. Very hazy, visibility very poor or appalling in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C (a little higher post dawn). Where exposed to the wind, will feel close to -20C.
Freezing Level	Soon 750m.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 8 December	Sunday 9 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West to northwesterly decreasing during daylight from between 30-40mph to 20-30mph. Widespread buffeting on higher areas after dawn but conditions will improve.	North to northwesterly, 20 to 30mph. Fairly small, but gusty around showers. Significant wind chill where exposed on higher areas.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Pockets drizzly rain; snow Munros Patches drizzly and rain morning here and there, mainly near and east of Glenshee. Above 900m snow. Threat persistent rain/snow spreading northeast from about dusk.	Isolated snow and hail showers Scattered showers spreading from the north, mostly confined to areas near/east of Glenshee focused around Lochnagar. Risk of hail.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	May substantially clear Low confidence in detail: Broadly, widespread cloud higher slopes from dawn is likely to lift and break. By afternoon higher tops may have cleared in some areas - but anticipate cloud filling in again as precipitation develops. 40%	Tops often clearing Patches likely to come and go above 900m, briefly 700m around showers. Frequent breaks to higher summits across Perthshire. 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sun, mostly toward Central Belt. Cloud may thicken from southwest afternoon. Visibility excellent away from precipitation.	Frequent sunshine. The air generally very clear, but visibility briefly reduced where in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	1C 1050m	-1C falling to -3C from north. 850m, dropping toward 650m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 8 December, 2018**

Becoming progressively colder and drier through the weekend as winds turn northwesterly. A few areas of snow and hail showers by Sunday, focused toward the north and west, but many areas will see sunshine.

Next week, staying below freezing on the mountains for a number of days, with hard frost in valleys early in week.

Confidence becomes low by midweek, but there is an increasing risk of unsettled conditions coming back in from the Atlantic, with gales and perhaps widespread snow on the mountains.

Forecast issued at 15:17 on Thursday, 6 December, 2018

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