

Southeastern Highlands

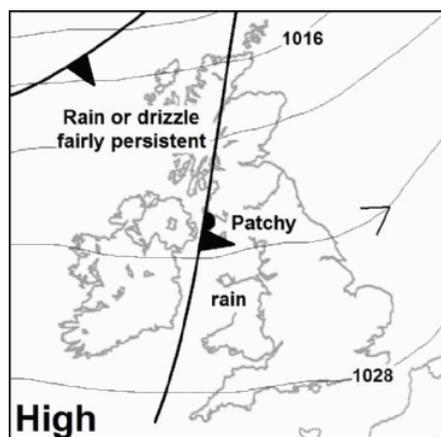
The southern highlands as far west as the central highlands and north to Ben Alder, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Tuesday, 19 March, 2019



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 19 March, 2019

Mild southwesterlies bring low cloud to western hills, with rain or drizzle frequent or persistent for several hours; wettest conditions focused on western Scotland. Patchier rain and higher cloud breaks toward the east. Blustery N England & Scotland, up to gale force far N/NW Highlands.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

A little rain mostly west. Windy, gusty in places.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 19 March, 2019

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 25 to 35, locally 40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking impeded across hills, buffeting in places through passes and cols. Significant wind chill in exposure.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional rain Patches of rain or drizzle from time to time, most common west of the A9. Amounting to very little toward Glenshee. Briefly may be sleet on highest tops.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive higher areas Covering many mountains above 700-900m much of the day, at times below 600m in Perthshire. Higher breaks mostly toward Glenshee and Angus.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mostly east from Glenshee. Visibility fairly good, but a general slight haze.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2 to 4C, may lift a degree or so higher east of A9. Directly in the wind on high tops feeling close to -10C.
Freezing Level	May start close to 1000m, but lifting above the summits. Higher terrain essentially frozen, but a thaw developing.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 20 March	Thursday 21 March
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly, 25 to 35mph, may strengthen later in day to 40-45mph.	Southwesterly, 35 to 50mph, risk 65mph for a few hours.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking impeded at times on higher terrain, locally gusty through passes and cols.	Arduous conditions across the hills, with sudden buffeting through passes and in places to lower slopes. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Small amounts of rain A little rain or drizzle now and again, most frequent Perthshire, but barely more than spots in the wind many areas.	Rain on and off, mostly west A front trailing across Scotland brings a risk of rain from time to time, mostly hills west of the A9, although amounts generally small. Very little Glenshee and Angus.
Cloud on the hills?	Most persistent western hills Cloud often covering hills west of A9 above 600-900m, lowest and most persistent toward the Trossachs, whilst toward Glenshee and Angus breaks more common to 900-1000m or above.	Extensive higher areas Shrouding many hills all day, lowest in west Perthshire, around 500-700m, with rare breaks above 800m. Toward and east of Glenshee, some breaks toward 1000m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, but cloud thickening again through day. Visibility may be briefly very good, but reduced where rain develops.	Glimpses of sun mostly east of A9. A general slight haze, and visibility very poor during rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4 to 6C.	4 to 6C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 20 March, 2019

A west to southwesterly airflow continues through this week and into the weekend. A series of frontal systems will move across Scotland, bringing frequent rain to the W/NW Highlands. Small amounts of rain E/SE Scotland. Winds reaching gale or severe gale force at times across the Highlands. Low cloud often plaguing western hills, even across England & Wales, although here rainfall typically patchy and light. Temperatures above freezing up to higher tops during midweek, with a gradual thaw, then cooler by Friday and the weekend, sub-zero at times on Scottish Munros. Highest tops in England & Wales rarely dropping below freezing. Into next week, most indications favour higher pressure and generally quieter weather.

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