

Southern Uplands

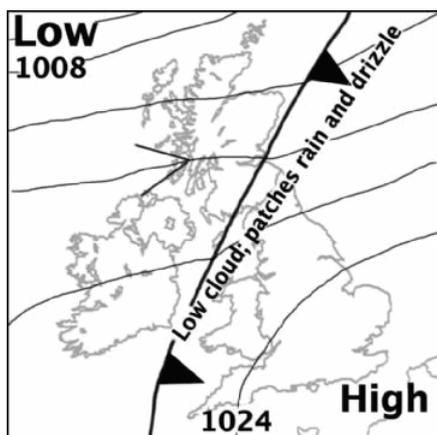
The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).



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General Summary for Saturday, 18 February, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 18 February, 2017

A weakening front will bring mostly low cloud and a little rain slowly southeastwards, although from S Scotland southwards the precise timing of the front is uncertain: East Wales and south Pennines may well be mostly fine with cloud above the tops. Upland gales Scottish Highlands.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Upland winds near gale; rain, drizzle and low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 18 February, 2017

How windy? (On the summits)	South or southwesterly 35-40mph but through middle of day and afternoon easing to 25-30mph although as change occurs, there may be a temporarily lull.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous where exposed on higher areas, although conditions will tend to ease. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Rain and drizzle Drizzle and rain on and off, mostly morning Dumfries and Galloway. In Borders, at least near Lothians and eastern summits elsewhere, total rain very small. From west in afternoon likely to become dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Very extensive and low Blanket fog across much the region, base typically 300m. From west through afternoon the cloud will tend to rise toward 500 or 600m, although still very low near Solway. Across the eastern Borders, particularly near Lothians, the cloud base often toward 600m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%, although 50% northern and eastern Borders
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine here and there northern Borders. Fog extensive even lower slopes much of region. However, below cloud visibility often very good.
How Cold? (at 750m)	4 or 5C. Will feel as cold as minus 8C directly in wind late in day.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 19 February	Monday 20 February
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly. Typically 30mph, possibly 35 later afternoon after a slight lull earlier afternoon. Walking often arduous where exposed on higher areas. Significant wind chill.	Westerly 40mph Upland gales or near gales will make walking difficult where exposed on higher areas. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Occasional rain, mainly west Rain and drizzle, not heavy, will slowly envelop Galloway middle of day, and then extend to areas west of M74. Toward and into Borders, little or no rain until at or more likely after dark.	Rain and drizzle, frequent west Ranging from almost incessant drizzly rain west of A9, particularly Galloway to drizzle now and again and only occasional heavier rain Borders.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Mostly very little Cloud will come and go above 650m after dawn, but by mid to late morning, most or all summits cloud free. Will then slowly deteriorate from west as fog envelops Galloway and through afternoon slowly edges eastwards. Border hills probably cloud free until dark. 80%	Hills widely cloud covered Near and west of M74 and Pentland hills: Blanket cloud across mountains, from lower slopes west Galloway. Elsewhere: patches of cloud below 500m, but cloud base often nearer 650m. 20%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Patches of sun will give way from west, but in Borders only after extensive sun for much of the day. Excellent visibility.	Rare pockets of sunshine lower areas Borders. Extensive fog; often hazy at best lower areas.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	4 rising to 6 or 7C Above the summits.	7C. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 19 February, 2017**

Only brief periods of freeze on higher Scottish summits until Tuesday. Otherwise, temperatures above freezing point. There will be rain on and off, concentrated western Scotland.

From Wednesday, periods of upland gales and freeze thaw cycles will extend to higher tops England and Wales. Frequent precipitation, often snow, western mountains. .

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