

Southern Uplands

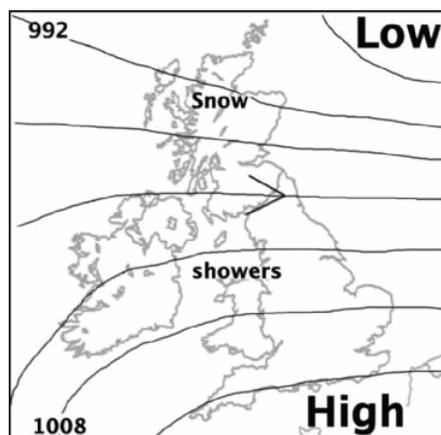
The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).



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General Summary for Tuesday, 21 March, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 March, 2017

Very cold showery westerly winds will by dawn have brought fresh snow to lower slopes or valleys, the precipitation heaviest western mountains. Widespread upland gales although through the day will ease. In Wales, winds less strong, but threat gales and snow by dusk.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Snow and hail showers. Upland gales morning.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 21 March, 2017

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly. For a few hours in morning 45-55mph. Will ease from west; by mid-afternoon mostly below 35mph, and before dusk 25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking often difficult on higher areas. Severe wind chill.
How wet?	Snow and hail showers. Small risk lightning. Hail and snow showers, sometimes heavy. Snow will lie from valleys up. Small risk thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Summits often cloud free; will form higher areas near precipitation Cloud base changing quickly: Patches below 500m near showers, but often cloud confined above the summits.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bursts of sun. Visibility frequently very good, but suddenly very poor in cloud and snow.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3C. Will feel as cold as minus 18 Celsius directly in the wind in morning.
Freezing Level	Typically 400m, although will vary between showers.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 22 March	Thursday 23 March
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Low confidence of detail: Northeasterly, 35-45mph, although speeds may be markedly lower, particularly Cheviots. Considerable buffeting and significant wind chill, although conditions may ease in some areas.	Northeasterly; dropping from 40 to perhaps 50mph after dawn to 25-35mph by sunset. Widespread considerable buffeting on higher areas in morning, but conditions will improve.
How wet?	Areas of snow Snow on and off most of the day Borders. Westwards toward Galloway, snow less likely; there may be only a few showers in Galloway. Snow will lie from lower slopes up.	Snow; most persistent Borders Areas of snow, mainly Borders, where may rarely cease during morning. Slowly the snow will tend to ease, although in Galloway there may be little all day. Rain only lowest slopes after dawn, but may turn to rain up to 500m by dusk.
Cloud on the hills?	Very extensive, particularly Borders Blanket cloud likely to shroud Borders above 350 to 500m. Further west, most cloud above 400 to 600m, and for periods cloud may be confined above higher tops.	Covering most summits all day Cloud likely to shroud the hills near and east of M74 extensively from dawn, although through day the base will tend to rise. West of M74 most cloud above 650m by midday, and then may extensively clear the summits.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	30%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Little or no sunshine. The air often very clear away from showers, but visibility appalling in snow & cloud.	Sunshine here and there mainly west of M74 afternoon where visibility will become very good or excellent. Elsewhere, fog widespread higher areas: appalling visibility where in cloud and snow.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-1 or -2C 600m.	-1C morning; will rise slowly through day. 650m, rising to 800m or above.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 22 March, 2017**

Cold conditions with snow on many mountains mid-week. A major change to dry and by the weekend much warmer weather will occur as a large area of high pressure then builds across Scotlan. Temporarily around Friday there may be a little rain on the northern NW Highlands. Overall though, dry for several days on all mountain areas. Temperatures will become very warm for March, particularly across the Scottish Highlands, although with frequently cloudless skies, night frost will occur in valleys.

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