

Southern Uplands

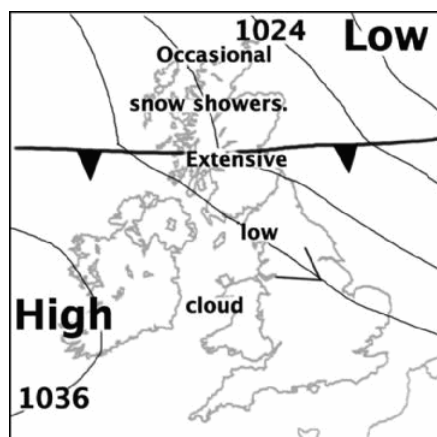
The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).



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General Summary for Friday, 21 April, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 April, 2017

Upland gales or near gales as a southward moving front approaches. Fog extensive many western mountains, and some rain (snow higher tops), mainly near the front. Total rainfall small. South Wales dry with light wind. Turning cold Scottish Highlands with snow showers.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Windy; dull, fog widespread. Occasional rain.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 21 April, 2017

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 30-35mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Widespread buffeting on higher areas.
How wet?	Occasional rain afternoon. Isolated rain and drizzle morning although more extensive rain likely summits near The Lothians about or soon after midday. Then from north, rain (mostly light) on and off for a few hours. Very little will reach Cheviots.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive higher areas; all clearing toward evening Dumfries and Galloway north to Pentland hills: Blanket low cloud above 300 to 500m, perhaps a little higher Moffat area. From north mid to late afternoon will all clear. Elsewhere: cloud intermittently above 500 or 600m. Will lower in rain before all clearing from north evening.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10% west and Pentland hills; 50% Borders. Rising to 90% later afternoon
Sunshine and air clarity?	Little or no sunshine until evening; then increasingly sunny. Fog widely higher, particularly western areas. Below cloud visibility often very good; or excellent evening.
How Cold? (at 750m)	5C, dropping to 3C evening.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 22 April	Sunday 23 April
How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 10 to 15mph.	Westerly strengthening from 20 or 25mph to in the afternoon around 35mph. Perhaps 40mph evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly negligible	Will increasingly make walking arduous on higher areas.
How wet?	Isolated hail showers A few brief showers with hail and on highest tops snow flurries, mainly Borders.	Rain and drizzle rarely Drizzle or light rain now and again, mainly or only near and west of the M74 northeast to the Pentland hills.
Cloud on the hills?	Very little	Rarely if ever clearing higher areas Near and west of the M74 northeast to the Pentland hills: Cloud will shroud the hills all or nearly all day above 450 to 600m, but patches at 350m in rain. Elsewhere: cloud shrouding higher tops will lift, returning only occasionally.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%	50%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bursts of bright sunshine. Superb visibility.	Sunshine in and out, mainly Borders (except for the Pentland hills). Fog across higher mostly western summits although often very good visibility elsewhere.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C	4C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits. Frost some valleys at dawn.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 22 April, 2017**

Over the weekend, a few snow and hail showers on Saturday before cloud shrouds western mountains on Sunday, when winds strengthen and rain (snow higher tops) spreads south across Scotland.

An abrupt change from Monday: Winds persistently northerly and intermittently near gale force will bring markedly low freezing levels. Snow and hail showers (sometimes very frequent or almost constant snow for a few hours particularly N Scotland) - even on some lower slopes as summit temperatures drop lower than at any time this winter.

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