

Southern Uplands

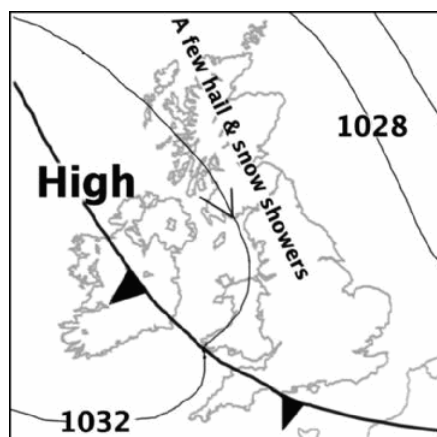
The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).



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General Summary for Saturday, 22 April, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 22 April, 2017

Fairly light wind and just a few showers as a ridge of high pressure moves in from the west. Higher summits in Scotland will remain below freezing point and here showers of hail and snow. Across Britain the air will be very clear and most cloud will be above higher summits.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Light wind. Isolated brief hail/snow showers. Very clear air.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 22 April, 2017

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 10 to occasionally 15mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly negligible
How wet?	Isolated hail showers A few brief showers with hail and on highest tops snow flurries, mainly Borders.
Cloud on the hills?	Not expected
Chance of cloud free summits?	Almost certain
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bright sunshine morning; cloud will tend to fill in somewhat afternoon. Superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits. Frost some valleys at dawn.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 23 April	Monday 24 April
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly strengthening from 20mph to in the afternoon around 35mph. Perhaps 40mph evening. Will increasingly make walking arduous on higher areas.	Low confidence in detail: Northwesterly 30 to 40mph, may possibly approach 50mph late in day. Walking likely to arduous, and later in day may make walking very difficult. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Rain unlikely Small risk isolated drizzly showers.	Hail & snow showers. Risk lightning. There may be rain temporarily after dawn. Then occasional brief hail and snow showers, possible dusting of hail/snow even lower slopes afternoon.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Increasingly covering the summits Near and west of the M74 northeast to the Pentland hills: Cloud may clear off the summits for a few hours, but starting in Galloway will lower toward 450 to 600m. Elsewhere: cloud only occasionally shrouding higher tops before toward evening lowering to cap higher tops. 60%	Very little Summits largely cloud free within a few hours following dawn. 80%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine in and out, mainly Borders (except for the Pentland hills) morning. Fog across higher mostly western summits although often very good visibility elsewhere.	Patches of bright sunshine and often excellent visibility, but cloud will tend to fill in afternoon and visibility temporarily poor.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	1 rising to 4C. Above the summits.	Soon dropping to -1 or -2C. 500 to 700m, though perhaps above the summits post dawn.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 23 April, 2017**

An abrupt change on Monday as very cold air spreads southwards. Until Thursday, winds persistently northerly, intermittently near gale force, will bring very 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 as low as, if not lower than at any time this winter.

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