

Southern Uplands

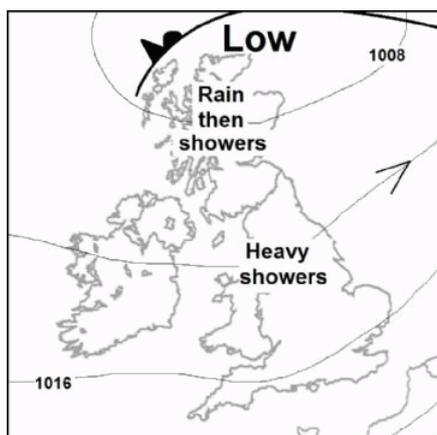
The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).



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General Summary for Saturday, 20 May, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 May, 2017

Low pressure and an occluded front over northern Scotland brings low cloud and rain to much of the Highlands in the morning - this will fade, but will be replaced by heavy slow moving showers into the afternoon. For England & Wales, heavy showers will spread increasingly from the south-west, although Wales should improve in the afternoon.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Heavy showers breaking out. Winds fairly light.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 20 May, 2017

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly, 10 to 15, later 20mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but may become gusty into afternoon, particularly near showers.
How wet?	Heavy showers developing; isolated hail & thunder Areas of rain likely to develop increasingly through the day, some heavy showery bursts spreading from the south-west in the afternoon, focused on Borders & Lothians by evening. Risk of hail and thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly higher tops Shrouding many hills, particularly where rain sets in, otherwise lifting to 600-700m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine rare if any. Visibility at times good, but poor in rain, and often foggy many tops.
How Cold? (at 750m)	4 to 6C
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 21 May	Monday 22 May
How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly, 20 to 30mph, strongest Dumfries & Galloway.	South to southeasterly, 25 to 35mph, perhaps 40mph Galloway.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking may be impeded where exposed on higher western tops.	Walking arduous on the hills; buffeting where exposed on & north of major ridges.
How wet?	A little rain west Patches of rain or drizzle, mostly confined to the Galloway hills. Largely dry Borders.	Risk rain turning persistent Detail uncertain: A few hours may be dry, but an increasing risk of rain spreading from the south-west and setting in.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly west Banks of cloud shrouding western hills, to quite low levels around the Solway, but inland mostly above 600m. In Borders, many tops clear or clearing.	Extensive, lowest west Likely to shroud many hills, particularly in rain, forming from low levels up in Galloway.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	30%
Sunshine and air clarity?	A little sun, mostly toward Lothians. Visibility good Borders, but slight haze overall, and risk foggy western hills.	Little if any sun. General haze, and fog perhaps extensive across hills.
How Cold? (at 750m)	5 rising to 8C	8 to 11C; lowest where in cloud.
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 21 May, 2017**

Low pressure will lie to the west, and high pressure to the east of Britain on Sunday & Monday, resulting in a strengthening south to south-easterly wind. A front advances north on Monday, bringing an increasing risk of rain for many. Into midweek, a legacy of patchy rain or showers is likely, but pressure should be building slowly. In the second half of the week, expect plenty of dry weather, but it will be quite humid, bringing a risk of extensive low cloud to many mountains, particularly in the west, and a general haze. Isolated afternoon showers possible. Becoming fairly warm, and winds often light.

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