

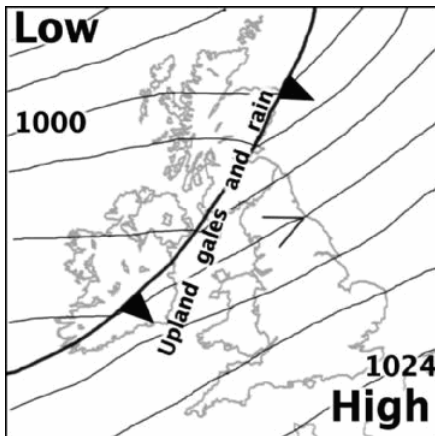
Southern Uplands

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, 13 October, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 October, 2017

Upland gales most mountain areas. Almost constant rain western mountains will clear from the NW across Scottish Highlands. Persistent fog most summits, widely from lower slopes up many west and south facing coastal hills.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Upland gales. Rain, rarely ceasing much of region.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 13 October, 2017

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly, 50-60mph. May ease marginally through daylight.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult walking on higher terrain, locally any mobility difficult; severe wind chill.
How wet?	Rain: rarely ceasing west Almost constant rain west of M74; becoming very wet underfoot with burns in spate. Rain on and off Borders. Least rainfall near Lothians.
Cloud on the hills?	Most hills persistently foggy Dumfries and Galloway and Cheviots: Shrouding the hills from lower slopes up, especially near Solway Firth. Few breaks above 500m. Remaining areas of Borders: cloud base intermittently 400m, but mostly above the summits.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Almost nil Dumfries and Galloway; 30% Borders
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine rarely lower slopes northern Borders. Visibility generally poor due to rain; widely hazy, or misty in west.
How Cold? (at 750m)	11C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 14 October	Sunday 15 October
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 40 to 50mph.	Southerly 30 to 40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking at best arduous, and for much of the day be difficult across higher tops. Significant wind chill.	Walking will be arduous where exposed on higher areas, and sudden strong gusts likely some lower slopes.
How wet?	Rain on and off Overnight rain likely to continue into daylight, although gradually fizzling out, particularly Borders. Westwards toward Galloway, the rain persisting longer, perhaps on and off all day west of M74, where very wet underfoot.	Patches drizzle Areas of drizzle although very little will reach the Cheviots or summits toward the Lothians. In these areas, only isolated, if any brief bursts of rain.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, although tending to lift Many summits, particularly Dumfries and Galloway and the Cheviots in fog all day, where cloud from lower slopes up will during afternoon slowly rise to 400 to perhaps 550m. In Borders, by early afternoon, most cloud above 650m.	Persisting all day most areas Broadly fog across most mountains all day; the cloud widely from lower slopes up Across the Borders, by midday, most cloud above 500 or 600m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	30%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine rare if any. Persistent haze; widely foggy across the hills.	Patches of sunshine more or less confined to the Borders, mainly near the Lothians. Persistent haze - and fog widely across the mountains.
How Cold? (at 750m)	10C	10C
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 14 October, 2017**

A lengthy period of unsettled weather, will give continued high rainfall across western mountains, particularly the W and NW Highlands where widely very wet underfoot.

There will be bouts of upland gales and note on Monday or Monday night threat of storm force winds.

Later next week, on higher Scottish summits, occasionally periods where snow will fall, but lying snow is very likely to be only transient.

Forecast issued at 7:07 on Friday, 13 October, 2017

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