

Southern Uplands

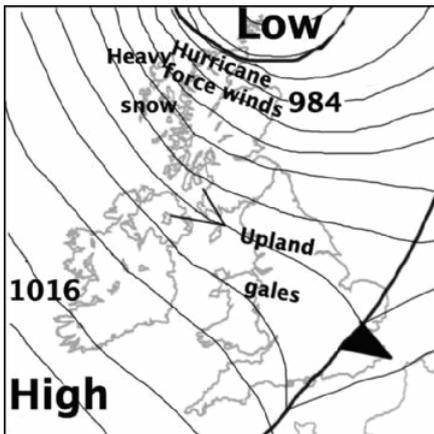
The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).



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General Summary for Thursday, 7 December, 2017



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 7 December, 2017

Exceptionally severe Scottish Highlands: storm or hurricane force upland winds (strongest N/E), considerable snow (centred western hills) giving sustained whiteout. Upland gales elsewhere and progressively dropping temperature will result in showers being increasingly of snow.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Upland or severe upland gales. Snow showers increasingly frequent.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 7 December, 2017

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 45 to 55mph. Sudden gusts lower slopes near precipitation.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking widely difficult or very difficult. Ferocious gusts reaching lower slopes near showers, mainly Galloway. Severe wind chill.
How wet?	Frequent snow showers, mainly Dumfries and Galloway. Risk lightning. Overnight rain, heavy Galloway, will have cleared by dawn. Then hail and snow showers sometimes frequent, mainly afternoon Dumfries and Galloway, when risk thunder. Rain increasingly confined to lowest slopes, or by dusk valleys, as temperatures drop.
Cloud on the hills?	Intermittently covering higher areas. Rapid changes in cloud base in and out of showers. Patches of low cloud will form on lower slopes near and during precipitation, but will lift above summits at times, widely so Borders.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% near and west of M74 to 80% elsewhere
Sunshine and air clarity?	Glimpses of sun between the snow showers; fairly widespread sun Cheviots. Visibility often very poor due to falling and blowing snow, but between the showers excellent; mainly lower slopes.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Dropping progressively through day; down to -2 or -3C by mid afternoon. Will feel as cold as minus 19 Celsius directly in the wind before dusk.
Freezing Level	Initially above tops, but dropping markedly through daylight; after nightfall most terrain will become frozen from lower slopes up.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 8 December	Saturday 9 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 40-45mph.	Northwesterly 25 to 35mph, perhaps later 20mph western summits. Marginal decrease in speed during daylight.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking widely difficult with significant buffeting across higher areas and severe wind chill.	Walking arduous on higher areas. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Occasional snow and hail showers in west Occasional snow showers or flurries, but periods when the snow may be frequent Galloway. Very few, if any, snow showers will reach the eastern borders.	Risk snow showers Across most of the region substantially dry and only the occasional cluster of snow showers (frequent showers over an hour or so). But risk western summits in Galloway of showers coming in frequently.
Cloud on the hills?	Occasionally shrouding higher areas Galloway hills: Rapid changes in cloud base; Occasional clearances toward higher tops between showers to cloud to a few hundred metres in snow. Elsewhere: Well-broken cloud only very occasional on higher tops, otherwise clear.	Occasionally shrouding higher areas Continually changing cloud base: near showers, shafts of cloud from a few hundred metres up, but between showers extensively above higher tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%	70%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bursts of bright sunshine between the snow showers. Air very clear with excellent visibilities, but suddenly becoming very poor in snow	Bright sunshine - least sun Galloway. The air very clear - but sudden appalling visibility in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-5C	-5C
Freezing Level	Almost all terrain frozen from valleys or just above valleys up.	Almost all terrain frozen. Only slight thawing lowest sunlit slopes.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 8 December, 2017**

Cold throughout the next 10 days, although across mainly Wales, incursions of warmer air will bring freeze thaw cycles to higher areas. Elsewhere, upland areas substantially frozen. Centres of low pressure will track southeast across Britain bringing bouts of sustained snowfall (although not areas will get these). Between areas of fine clear air with light winds, but locally windy with clusters of snow showers near some coasts.

Forecast issued at 7:14 on Thursday, 7 December, 2017

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