

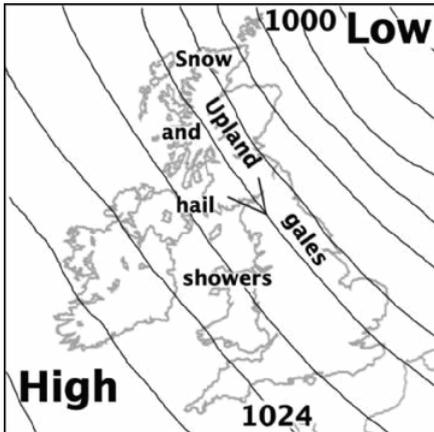
# Southern Uplands

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, 8 December, 2017



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 8 December, 2017**

Widespread upland northwesterly gales will bring bitterly cold air to all mountain areas. Snow will be frequent many western mountains and in northern Scotland. Elsewhere, only a few flurries.

Nearly all terrain will be frozen, although not lower slopes in Wales.

### Headline for Southern Uplands

Upland gales. Risk snow and hail Galloway. Terrain nearly all frozen.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 8 December, 2017

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Northwesterly 40mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking difficult on higher areas.</b> <b>Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Occasional snow and hail showers Galloway</b> Galloway: Risk hail and snow showers most likely western summits, where perhaps frequent. Elsewhere: rare brief snow showers or flurries.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Nearly all summits cloud free</b> Galloway hills: Summits often cloud free, but particularly west, occasional cloud below 500m and more often shrouding higher tops. Elsewhere: Summits rarely if ever covered.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Almost certain, although 70% west Galloway</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Bright sunshine extensive except west Galloway where glimpses of sun. Excellent visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	-5C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Almost all terrain frozen from valleys or just above valleys up.

## Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	<b>Saturday 9 December</b>	<b>Sunday 10 December</b>
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Northwesterly 25 to 35mph, perhaps later 20mph western summits. Marginal decrease in speed during daylight. <b>Walking arduous on higher areas.</b> <b>Significant wind chill.</b>	Easterly 15mph to possibly 25mph.  <b>Small</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Risk snow showers</b> 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.	<b>Little or no precipitation</b> Snow showers over the North Sea may drift onto Borders hills near Lothians and The Cheviot. Small risk of snow over the Irish Sea enveloping hills near the Solway.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Occasionally shrouding higher areas</b>  Continually changing cloud base: near showers, shafts of cloud from a few hundred metres up, but between showers extensively above higher tops.	<b>Summits extensively free of cloud</b>  Patches near showers above 600m, but nearly all cloud above the summits.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Bright sunshine - least sun Galloway. The air very clear - but sudden appalling visibility in snow and cloud.	Areas of sunshine, although a sheet of high level cloud may make the sun weak. Excellent or superb visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-5C  Almost all terrain frozen. Only slight thawing lowest sunlit slopes.	-4C  Terrain frozen from valleys up.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 9 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 across Britain bringing bouts of sustained upland snowfall (although not all areas will get these). Between, often fine with clear air and light winds.

**Forecast issued at 12:14 on Thursday, 7 December, 2017**

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