

Southern Uplands

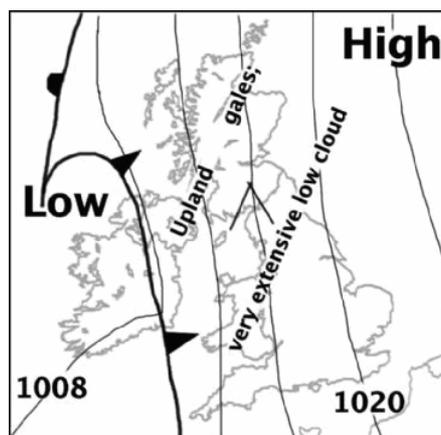
The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).



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General Summary for Saturday, 13 January, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 January, 2018

Widespread strong gusty winds, reaching gale force western and northern upland areas. Very extensive fog both valleys and mountains, although this breaking up north of some higher tops. Rain, or inland partly refrozen rain, will extend slowly inland from west, but timing uncertain.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Windy, especially Galloway. Hills almost all shrouded in fog.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 13 January, 2018

How windy? (On the summits)	South to southeasterly, 30 to 35mph, but 40mph in Galloway, local strong gusts blowing through passes into cols.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous on higher areas, and in some areas, not necessarily higher areas, sudden considerable buffeting. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Largely dry Borders; Drizzly rain spreading to western hills Isolated drizzle or snow flurries. However, across Galloway and in afternoon reaching areas near M74, rain (in places partly refrozen rain) on and off.
Cloud on the hills?	Blanket fog much or all region, although little northern Borders Blanket fog most of region, from lower slopes up near Solway. There may be breaks in the fog, particularly Borders, with some summits clearing (perhaps above fog on lower slopes), widely so toward the Lothians.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Almost nil Galloway to 60% Borders
Sunshine and air clarity?	Dull and murky, with fog from low levels up Dumfries and Galloway. Patches sun toward Lothians, but below cloud still hazy Borders.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1C Borders to 0 or 1C Galloway. Will feel as cold as minus 13 Celsius directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	650m, but just above the summits Galloway. Nevertheless, much terrain frozen.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 14 January	Monday 15 January
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	South to southwesterly, strengthening from 20-30 to 30-40mph through daylight. Strongest winds in ranges Galloway. Walking becoming increasingly arduous from the west across the hills.	At dawn Borders southwesterly 55mph; Otherwise, a slight lull, then westerly 35mph. Particularly gusty near showers. Walking arduous on higher areas; increasingly sudden buffeting in gusty winds. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Occasional rain west Drizzly Dumfries & Galloway, but rain, if any negligible elsewhere.	Snow and hail showers increasingly Overnight rain, finishing as snow on higher tops, will clear by or soon after dawn. Hail snow showers will follow, increasingly frequent afternoon, when of snow above 300m, resulting in appalling visibility.
Cloud on the hills?	Blanket fog most of region Northern hills in Borders often free of cloud. Elsewhere, persistent fog on higher areas, but shrouding even lower slopes Dumfries and Galloway.	Intermittently shrouding higher areas Quickly varying cloud base: shafts of cloud below 450m near precipitation, more often the fog above about 800m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	70%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Patches of sun near Lothians. Murky, misty or away from hills near Lothians foggy.	Bursts of sunshine, most widely Borders. Away from precipitation, the air clear - but frequently visibility very poor due to snow.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	1 or 2C Above the summits. Terrain frozen some lower slopes after a frost.	1C dropping erratically to -2C during daylight. Pre-dawn above summits. After dawn, soon 750m and by dusk 600m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 14 January, 2018**

Almost constant strong cold westerly winds, frequently gale force on the mountains next week, will bring copious snowfall to western mountains, concentrated on the W & NW Highlands. The snow and often hail, will be showery in character, and accumulations will drop progressively eastwards. Temperatures only marginally above freezing point lower slopes Scotland, and frequently below freezing above about 600m England and Wales.

Winds may well veer northerly late in the week, maintaining low freezing levels.

Forecast issued at 13:22 on Friday, 12 January, 2018

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