

Southern Uplands

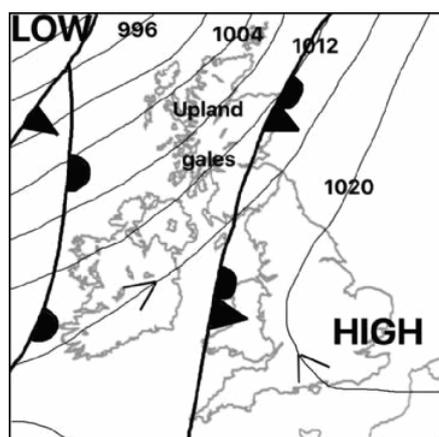
The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).



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General Summary for Sunday, 14 January, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 January, 2018

Upland gales soon developing across Scotland with heavy rain/upland snow arriving across the west/northwest Highlands in the afternoon. Elsewhere, a weak front will lie from eastern/southern Scotland into west Wales, bringing low cloud and patchy rain/snow. Eastern Wales and the southern Pennines, many hills clear above valley fog.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Fairly extensive low cloud with patchy drizzle. Winds strengthening to near gale.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 14 January, 2018

How windy? (On the summits)	South to southwesterly, strengthening from 20-30 to 30-40mph through daylight. Strongest winds in ranges Galloway.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking becoming increasingly arduous from the west across the hills with significant wind chill.
How wet?	Occasional rain west Drizzly Dumfries & Galloway, but rain, if any negligible elsewhere.
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.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Patches of sun near Lothians. Murky, misty or away from hills near Lothians foggy.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1 or 2C, but wind chill will make it feel closer to -10C by afternoon.
Freezing Level	Above the summits. Terrain frozen some lower slopes after a frost.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 15 January	Tuesday 16 January
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	At dawn Borders southwesterly 55mph; Otherwise, westerly 30-35mph. Particularly gusty near showers. Walking arduous on higher areas; increasingly sudden buffeting in gusty winds. Significant wind chill.	Westerly in the range 35-50mph. Sudden gustiness/squalls to valley level near showers. Walking will be arduous, to at times difficult, with significant buffeting and severe wind chill.
How wet?	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.	Snow and hail showers, frequent in west. Snow and hail showers, often heavy and coming in one after another across Dumfries and Galloway, giving intermittent whiteout from lower slopes up. Risk thunder. Snow will lie into the valleys, except perhaps near the west coast.
Cloud on the hills?	Intermittently shrouding higher areas Quickly varying cloud base: shafts of cloud below 450m near precipitation, more often the fog above about 800m.	Occasionally shrouding higher tops Rapid changes in cloud base in and out of showers. Patches of low cloud will form on lower slopes near and during precipitation, but often cloud base confined above 700m with occasional clearances to tops, perhaps widely so across the Border Hills.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%	50%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bursts of sunshine, most widely Borders. Away from precipitation, the air clear - but frequently visibility very poor due to snow.	Glimpses of sun between the showers. The air very clear, but visibility suddenly deteriorating to near zero in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C dropping erratically to -2C during daylight.	-3 to -4C
Freezing Level	Pre-dawn above summits. After dawn, soon 750m and by dusk 600m.	Around 300m

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 15 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 will then veer northerly later in the week, maintaining the low freezing levels.

Forecast issued at 14:28 on Saturday, 13 January, 2018

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