

# Southern Uplands

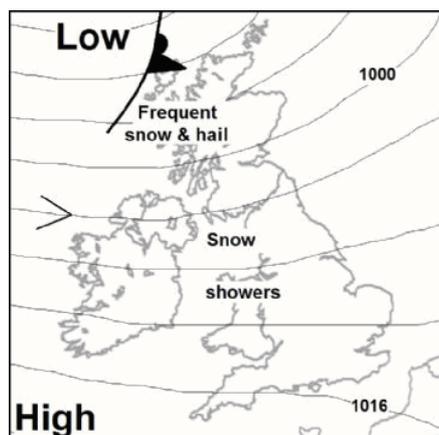
The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).



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## General Summary for Thursday, 15 February, 2018



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 15 February, 2018**

A cold westerly pattern returns, with snow and hail showers, most frequent across western Scotland, where precipitation at times constant. Windy for all; gale or near-gale force on higher areas throughout the day. Icy underfoot in some areas where Wednesday's snowmelt has refrozen.

### Headline for Southern Uplands

Local snow and hail showers. Upland winds up to gale force.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 15 February, 2018

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly, 30 to 45mph, likely strongest by middle of day into afternoon, when locally over 50mph higher tops.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Will impede walking across higher areas, with considerable buffeting at times. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Brief snow and hail showers, may become frequent west</b> A scattering of snow and hail showers will run in from the west. These may become frequent across the Galloway Hills for a few hours in the afternoon or toward dusk. Rain/sleet confined to lowest slopes. Hills east of the M74 seeing only rare flurries now and again.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Confined to higher areas</b> Cloud generally confined to higher western areas above 700-800m with transient shafts of cloud forming down to lower slopes in snow. However, even here there will be some clearances to the tops between the showers. Further east, very little cloud expected on the hills.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>50% west, 80% east</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Bursts of sun between the showers; most widely across eastern hills. Visibility generally very good, but becoming very poor in cloud and snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	-2C Where exposed to wind, feeling close to -15C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	400 to 500m. Lower slopes wet underfoot following rain, but following a slight thaw, higher areas likely icy after refreezing.

## Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 16 February	Saturday 17 February
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southwesterly 25 to 35mph; but over several hours may reach 40 to locally 45mph, particularly western areas. <b>Walking impeded across higher areas, but locally arduous for several hours, with significant wind chill.</b>	Southwesterly, around 20 to perhaps 30mph for a few hours. <b>Mostly small, but may impede walking on higher tops at times.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Chance of snow/rain west</b> Much of the region generally dry. A risk of occasional snow moving in from the west to affect Galloway, perhaps setting in for an hour or so. Rain below 400m.	<b>Patchy snow</b> A little snow, mostly light and focused on areas west of the M74. Rain below 500m.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Fairly extensive west; breaks east</b>  Generally shrouding higher western areas above 600-700m for much of the day. In snow, transient patches of cloud will likely form down to 400m. Toward the east, most tops often clear.	<b>Most persistent western tops</b>  Most cloud often above 600 or 700m, lowest near & west of the M74. Breaks forming to many tops, most frequent eastern Borders and Lothians.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>30% west, 60% east.</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Glimpse of sun, mostly Borders and Lothians. Visibility generally good, but risk locally very poor in cloud and snow.	Glimpses of sun; breaking through most often in Borders. Visibility generally good, perhaps a slight haze.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-1C  600 or 700m, rising through day. Slight frost some valleys and lower slopes in morning.	Around 0C  700 to 800m.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 16 February, 2018**

A southwesterly pattern will continue through to the weekend. Precipitation frequent on western mountains, particularly in Scotland. Generally cold, with further accumulations of snow. Rain on lower slopes, and by Sunday, rain may fall to higher levels as temperatures lift from the west. Then into next week, a change as high pressure builds across the country. Becoming substantially dry with light winds for several days. The air temperature lifting above freezing, and an inversion may form on the mountains. However, there will be little snow loss on higher areas, with slight thawing by day and refreezing overnight helping to consolidate the snow-pack. Most lower slopes will thaw, but overnight frost will occur in many valleys.

**Forecast issued at 14:54 on Wednesday, 14 February, 2018**

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