

Southern Uplands

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

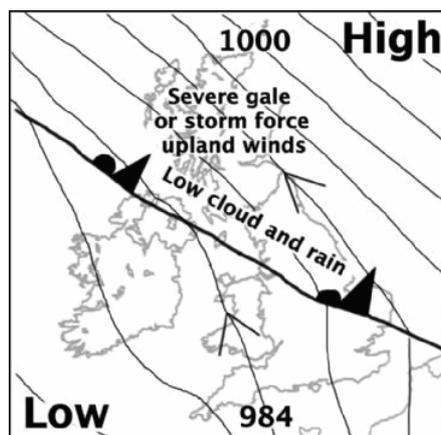


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General Summary for Thursday, 15 March, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 March, 2018

Scottish Highlands: storm force winds, in places briefly reaching lower slopes; persistent low cloud and snow increasingly eastern mountains. Elsewhere: a band of rain (now higher areas) will edge north across N England/S Scotland, whilst showers and a temporary drop in wind follow.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Upland gales will ease slowly. Rain (snow higher tops) spreading northeast.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 15 March, 2018

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly, in the range 40 to locally 55mph - easing slowly afternoon particularly west of M74.
Effect of wind on you?	Widely difficult walking on higher areas, and also intermittently lower slopes. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Extensive rain spreading northeast through the morning. Rain will soon become extensive Galloway and extend gradually northeast across region through morning. Snow highest tops Borders, mainly The Cheviot. Will ease again later afternoon, perhaps only toward dusk west of M74.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive; very low Borders Blanket of fog over North Sea will envelop Borders from lower slopes up. Progressively westwards, the cloud base will lift; toward Galloway, most cloud will be above 550m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Dropping to less than 10% from SW morning, but to 40% near Lothians
Sunshine and air clarity?	No sunshine (except glimpses post sunrise Borders). Very hazy at best - widely foggy even lower slopes Borders.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C Galloway to freezing point Borders. Will feel as cold as minus 14 Celsius directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but near 750m The Cheviot by afternoon

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 16 March	Saturday 17 March
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	East or southeasterly in the range 30 to 50mph. Sudden gusts reaching some lower slopes. May ease slowly. Mainly morning, walking difficult and significant wind chill.	Southeast or easterly 30 to 40mph. Sudden gusts some lower slopes. Walking arduous where exposed on higher areas. Sudden considerable buffeting lower slopes west of major summits & ridges. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Snow, mainly Borders Rain or snow on and off, although may rarely cease Borders, particularly east. May amount to very little west of M74. Snow above 300m Borders, though only higher tops elsewhere.	Snow, mainly Borders Snow or hail flurries west of M74 and near the Lothians. Elsewhere in the Borders, the snow/hail frequent, and intermittently heavier - although total fall small.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, especially Borders Persistent fog above 300-500m Borders. The base will rise westwards: west of M74 most cloud above 600m.	Mostly confined to higher tops Borders Very little generally, although east of M74, mainly the Cheviots, fog intermittently above 600m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	70%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine not expected. Very hazy lower slopes and extensive fog higher areas, particularly Borders.	Intermittent sunshine west of M74; only glimpses elsewhere. Visibility becoming excellent - but very poor in snow.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	Dropping from east from 3 to 1C Galloway but to -1 to -2C Borders. Above the summits west of M74 morning, but elsewhere dropping from east to 600m.	3C Galloway for perhaps a few hours after dawn; otherwise -3C. Terrain will gradually become frozen. Initially above summits Galloway; but sudden transition to 400m. Elsewhere 300 or 400m; most terrain will become frozen.

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

Turning progressively colder toward and through the weekend. Snow, often fairly light (though combined with previous snow will blow extensively E Scotland, giving appalling visibility) eastern mountains.

Widespread upland gales will ease, initially over the Scottish Highlands, to give a period of cold dry weather early next week. Turning warmer mid-week, initially across Scotland where rain will begin to come in from the west.

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