

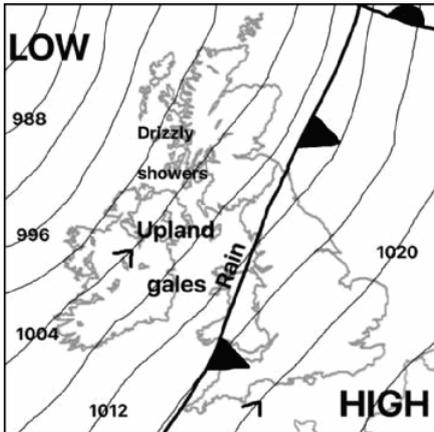
Southern Uplands

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 Tuesday, 17 April, 2018



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 17 April, 2018

A windy day across all areas with widespread upland southerly gales. A cold front, and its associated rain, will edge southeastwards; becoming slow-moving across England and Wales into the afternoon. Drizzly showers will follow across Scotland; these mainly in the west and southwest where hill fog will remain fairly extensive.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Upland gales. Rain easing into the afternoon. Extensive hill fog.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 17 April, 2018

How windy? (On the summits)	South or southwesterly in the range 40 to 50mph; strongest in the morning when perhaps 60mph higher tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking widely difficult where exposed on higher areas. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Rain in morning easing to showers Rain persistent from dawn Dumfries & Galloway, will ease to a few showers by afternoon. Progressively east of M74, the rain lighter and more patchy and clearing here by afternoon. There may be little at all on the Cheviots and summits near the Lothians.
Cloud on the hills?	Almost blanket fog Dumfries and Galloway: Fog extensive; widely from lower slopes up, although cloud base may lift slowly. Borders: most cloud above 400 or 500m, and there may be little at all on The Cheviot and summits near the Lothians.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Glimpses of sun here and there lower slopes near The Cheviot and near the Lothians. Hazy at best; visibility often very poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	6C
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 18 April	Thursday 19 April
How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly, 20 to 25mph Borders, 30 to perhaps 35mph Galloway.	Southwest in the range 15-25mph, but perhaps 30mph for a few hours around dawn.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but possible buffeting some western tops.	May impede walking across higher areas around dawn. Otherwise, mostly small.
How wet?	Rain unlikely Risk a little drizzle in Dumfries & Galloway.	No precipitation expected
Cloud on the hills?	Low cloud west; very little east Low confidence of detail: Threat of persistent fog in Dumfries & Galloway, from lower slopes up hills nearest the Solway. East of the M74, patchy low cloud should break up.	Extensive at first, tending to break Cloud will be extensive from dawn; from lowest slopes up in the west. However, the cloud will tend to break up and become more confined to coastal areas of Dumfries and Galloway. Towards the Lothians and Cheviots, very little cloud on the hills all day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%	40% in west, 70% in east
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine mostly Borders. Murky west, but visibility generally good east.	Intermittent sunshine tending to break through in the east and inland parts of the west. Visibility very poor coastal areas in west, but becoming very good widely in the east and inland parts in the west.
How Cold? (at 750m)	6 to 9C, lowest where in cloud.	8 or 9C
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Well above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 18 April, 2018**

Southerly winds throughout the week, initially gale force on many mountains. A front moves in from the Atlantic to bring a period of rain on Tuesday, but this will fade. A legacy of low cloud may plague coastal hills in the west, otherwise an increasingly warm and sunny picture will develop by midweek. Although foggy at times across western coastal areas. High pressure should remain broadly in charge into the weekend, although some heavy showers may arrive by Sunday. Considerable snowmelt Scottish Highlands (albeit snow cover still extensive in many areas next weekend).

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