

Southern Uplands

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

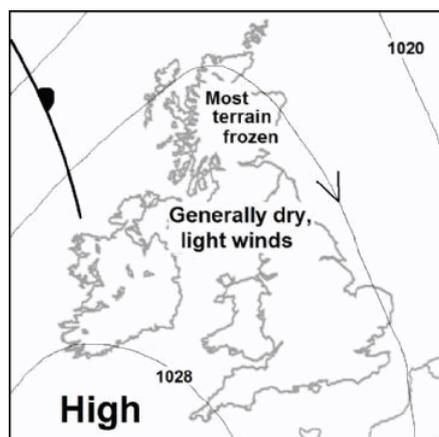


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General Summary for Monday, 11 February, 2019



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 February, 2019

A ridge of high pressure moves across the country, producing a fair, crisp winter's day. The air very clear. Sunshine weakening as cloud builds from the west. Widespread frost in the valleys and glens in the morning. Most mountain terrain frozen. Light winds much of the day.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Dry, cold and sunny, tops clear. Light winds.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 11 February, 2019

How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Northerly 10-20mph at dawn, strongest Borders/Cheviots. Soon becoming variable 5-10mph, later southwesterly. Will strengthen overnight. Local considerable wind chill at dawn, soon becoming negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Dry overall Any isolated snow flurries in the east at dawn will soon clear to leave a dry day.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Very little Isolated patches drifting across some higher tops from time to time, mainly around dawn. Otherwise, widely clear. 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly extensive sunshine, but becoming increasingly hazy as high level cloud spreads in from west. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-1C to -3C, coldest on the Cheviot. 400-500m, rising slowly to 600-700m west of M74. Widespread frost in valleys around dawn.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 12 February	Wednesday 13 February
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 30 to 40mph, may ease somewhat by dusk in Galloway. Marked increase of speed with height. Walking arduous at times across higher areas with significant wind chill.	South to southwesterly, 30 to 45mph; strongest in Dumfries & Galloway, particularly near/north of major summits. Considerable buffeting, in places through passes and cols and locally gusty to lower slopes. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Increasing risk of drizzle A few patches of drizzle spreading from the west, may become more constant across western hills in the afternoon. Substantially dry for many hours Borders.	Drizzly west Drizzly rain will come and go; hills near/west of the M74 may be persistently damp for many hours. Small amounts of rain toward Borders & Cheviots.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Becoming extensive A few patches some higher tops at first. However, increasingly through morning cloud will descend onto the hills and become extensive by midday. 40%	Lowest and most persistent west Often covering hills, at times to lower slopes in Dumfries & Galloway. Some tops may emerge above or between cloud layers. Breaks to high tops most frequent toward Pentland hills. 40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, mainly across eastern areas in morning. Visibility good, but lowering in drizzle.	Rare glimpses of sun, mostly toward Lothians, where visibility at times good. A general haze across most hills, visibility reduced further in rain/drizzle.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	1C at first, lifting to 4C Above the summits.	3 to 5C; small change of temperature with increasing height on the hills. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 12 February, 2019**

South to southwesterly winds will dominate from Tuesday onward and through next weekend; gale force at times, particularly the Scottish Highlands, with local strong gusts to lower slopes and through passes. Low cloud will often plague western hills, with patchy rain or drizzle. Generally small amounts of precipitation; often dry away from west coasts. Highest cloud breaks toward the north/east of major upland ranges. Temperatures lifting above freezing even up to higher summits for several days, with a period of thaw across all areas. Local inversion conditions developing at times as the week progresses.

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