

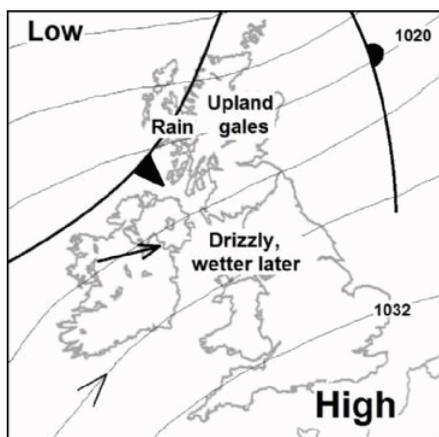
Southern Uplands

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, 12 February, 2019



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 12 February, 2019

Milder southwesterlies extend across Britain - lifting above freezing up to higher tops. Gale force winds on many mountains; storm force Scottish high tops. Rain for many hours for the West Highlands, fading through afternoon. Rain steadier later Lakes & west Wales. Driest eastern hills.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Gales higher tops. Drizzly rain, most persistent west.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 12 February, 2019

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 35 to 40mph, at times 45mph. Toward dusk, easing slightly to 25mph in Galloway.
Effect of wind on you?	Marked increase of speed with height. Walking arduous, at times difficult across higher areas with significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly, becoming wetter from west middle of day A few patches of drizzle spreading from the west. By about midday, rain becoming more constant across Dumfries & Galloway for a couple of hours. Substantially dry for many hours Borders.
Cloud on the hills?	Increasingly extensive Cloud covering hills near/west of the M74 much of the day, often from low levels up, particularly in rain. In the morning, some breaks across the Borders, and particularly toward Lothians, but cloud generally filling in across most higher tops above 600m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% Dumfries & Galloway, 50% Borders/Lothians.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, mainly across eastern areas in morning. Visibility good, but lowering in drizzle.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C at first, soon 3C, lifting through day to 5C afternoon and evening. Feeling like -10C where exposed to wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 13 February	Thursday 14 February
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	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.	Southerly, 25 to 40mph; strongest winds not necessarily higher slopes. Buffeting particularly through passes and cols, and sudden turbulent gusts locally to lower slopes north of major ridges.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly west Drizzly rain will come and go; hills near/west of the M74 may be persistently damp for a few hours. Small amounts of rain toward Borders & Cheviots.	Dry overall
Cloud on the hills?	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.	Mostly very little Fragments of cloud drifting around some slopes in morning, mostly in Galloway, where may linger. Likely all breaking up elsewhere.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare glimpses of sun, mostly toward Lothians, where visibility at times good. A general haze across most hills, visibility reduced further in rain/drizzle.	Cloud increasingly breaking to give sunshine. Galloway may hold onto more cloud. Visibility mostly good, but a general slight haze.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	3 to 5C; small change of temperature with increasing height on the hills. Above the summits.	In range 5 to 10C; warmest Borders and toward Pentlands. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 13 February, 2019**

South to southwesterly winds persist all week and into the weekend; often windy, gales 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. Some inversion conditions developing, and cloud breaking up increasingly from south into Thursday. By Friday, cloud and drizzly rain will return from the west as the next fronts move in. Temperatures above freezing for several days, with a period of thaw across all areas.

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