

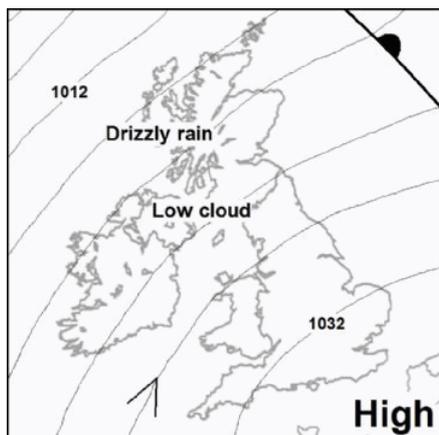
Southern Uplands

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



Alpine Exploratory
Trekking holidays in the Alps, Norway and UK based on our research

General Summary for Wednesday, 13 February, 2019



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 13 February, 2019

Mild south to southwesterlies bring patchy rain or drizzle, and extensive low cloud, focused on western hills. Small amounts of drizzle England and Wales, plus the north/east of Scotland. Gale force winds across many hills, very gusty in places through passes and cols.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Windy, gale force in places. Spots of rain. Low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 13 February, 2019

How windy? (On the summits)	South to southwesterly, 35 to 45mph; strongest near/north of major summits, locally 50mph tops in Galloway, also The Cheviot.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable buffeting, in places through passes and cols and locally gusty to lower slopes. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzle mostly west Patches of drizzle will come and go, focused on hills near/west of the M74 may be persistently damp for a few hours. Small amounts of rain toward Borders & Cheviots.
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.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% most areas, up to 60% Lothians.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare glimpses of sun, mostly toward Lothians, where visibility mostly good. A general haze across most hills, visibility reduced further in rain/drizzle.
How Cold? (at 750m)	3 to 5C; small change of temperature with increasing height on the hills. Where directly exposed to wind, feeling like -8C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 14 February	Friday 15 February
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	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.	Timing uncertain in this forecast: South to southwesterly, 35-50mph risk strengthening to 60mph for several hours. Frequent buffeting, and very gusty in places. Threat of arduous conditions on the hills for at least part of the day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Dry overall	Risk of rain developing A chance of staying substantially dry for many hours, particularly Borders & Lothians. Gradually, a risk of patchy rain pushing in from west (timing uncertain), perhaps setting in across Galloway.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Patches mostly west Fragments of cloud drifting around some slopes in morning, mostly in Galloway, where patches may linger. Likely all breaking up elsewhere. 70%	Lowering in rain Many tops may start cloud free, perhaps staying clear much of day Borders and Pentland hills, but as rain arrives, patches will form, and risk becoming extensive above 600-700m west of the M74. 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloud increasingly breaking to give sunshine. Galloway may hold onto more cloud. Visibility mostly good, but a general slight haze.	Early sun weakening, giving way to cloudier skies from the west. Visibility starting good, but slight haze, and reducing in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	In range 5 to 10C; warmest Borders and toward Pentlands; coolest if cloud lingers over Galloway hills. Above the summits.	5 to 7C or locally above, may lower a few degrees from west through day. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 14 February, 2019**

South to southwesterly winds persist into the weekend; often windy, gales at times, particularly Scottish Highlands. Low cloud will often plague western hills, with patchy rain or drizzle as weak fronts come in from the Atlantic from time to time. Generally small amounts of precipitation; often dry away from west coasts. Apart from a brief drop of temperature during Friday in Scotland, the mountains will be above freezing for several days ahead. A period of thaw across all areas, leaving mostly very little snow cover into next week.

Forecast issued at 14:39 on Tuesday, 12 February, 2019

The production of the Scottish forecasts is fully funded by the Scottish Government through the Mountaineering Council of Scotland with the support of sportscotland. Forecasts are issued daily by 16:30 and are kept under review and amended as necessary. However, expected conditions can still change after issue. © Copyright Geoff Monk & Associates, 2019.