

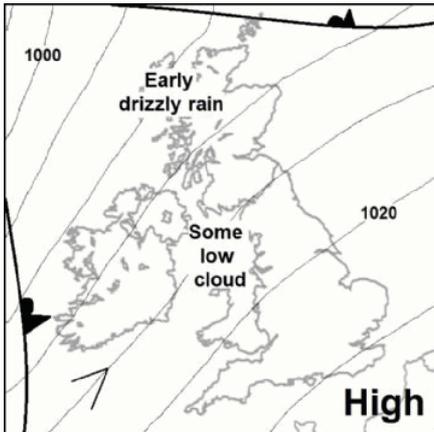
Southern Uplands

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 Saturday, 16 February, 2019



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 16 February, 2019

Drizzly rain across the W/NW Highlands in the morning will fizzle out, and cloud bases will tend to lift. Best breaks toward the Cairngorms. For England & Wales, low cloud mostly focused around Irish Sea coasts, but extensive in south Wales. Blustery winds, gales widely into evening.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Drizzle and low cloud mostly west in morning. Wind strengthening later.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 16 February, 2019

<p>How windy? (On the summits)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>South to southwesterly, 20 to 30mph, at times 35mph, strongest around dawn, and again toward dusk. Widely reaching gale force on hills into the night.</p> <p>Fairly blustery on higher areas, with local gusty conditions around passes and cols.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Patchy drizzle in west morning A little drizzle from dawn across Dumfries & Galloway including hills near the M74, may be persistently damp for a few hours, but amounts small, and tending to fade by middle of day. After dark, drizzly rain may well return. Dry overall across Borders, Cheviots & Lothians.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free summits?</p>	<p>Extensive for a time in west. Clearer in east. Cloud may well be extensive across hills west of the M74 above about 400-600m in the morning, but may lift and break to higher tops through the day. Elsewhere, hills likely largely cloud free.</p> <p>40% in the west, 70% in the east.</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Glimpses of sunshine, perhaps often sunny eastern areas for a few hours Borders. Visibility fairly good, but slight haze possible, and often rather dull in Galloway.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 750m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>4 or 5C. Where exposed to strongest wind, feeling closer to -5C.</p> <p>Above the summits</p>

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 17 February	Monday 18 February
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly, 35 to 45mph, perhaps locally over 50mph Galloway hills, particularly near/north of major ridges. Frequent buffeting, in places through passes and cols, and walking at times arduous on higher areas.	Southwesterly, 35 to 50mph, risk 60-70mph for a few hours at least (timing uncertain). Frequent buffeting across the hills, and for a few hours conditions may be difficult. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain developing west Patches of drizzly rain, mostly focused across Dumfries & Galloway, where tending to become more persistent. In Borders/Cheviots, much of the day may well stay dry.	Showers; hail, snow tops A few showers spreading from the west, may be frequent over an hour or more, particularly Dumfries & Galloway; snow above 650-700m. Risk of hail. Fewest showers Borders/Lothians.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Risk extensive and very low west; breaks east A risk of extensive low cloud across hills west of the M74, from lower slopes up near the Solway. In Borders/Cheviots, most cloud becoming confined above 700-800m, perhaps breaking above higher tops. Breaks most frequent toward the Lothians. 20% west, 60% elsewhere.	Frequent capping western tops Often covering hills above 650-750m, most persistent near/west of the M74. Breaks to higher tops most common Borders. Around showers, patches briefly forming below 600m. 40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief glimpses of sun, mostly toward Lothians. Visibility fairly good, but a general slight haze; reduced during rain.	Sunshine in and out, sunniest toward the east. Visibility often very good, but reduced briefly in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	5 to 7C, highest eastern areas, tending to lower from west, to around 3C by dusk onward. Above the summits.	0 or 1C. 800m or just above.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 17 February, 2019**

South to southwesterly winds continue through the weekend into next week, eventually becoming southeasterly. For 36-48 hours Monday-Tuesday, freezing levels will drop to 900m or briefly lower, with showers of snow or hail on the mountains, focused western Scotland. By midweek, temperatures will lift again, as high pressure rebuilds to the east of Britain. Dry conditions likely to prevail for several days. A thaw will resume, leaving very little snow in general on the mountains. Some low cloud, with inversion conditions some days. Often windy, gale force at times, and locally very gusty.

Forecast issued at 14:53 on Friday, 15 February, 2019

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