

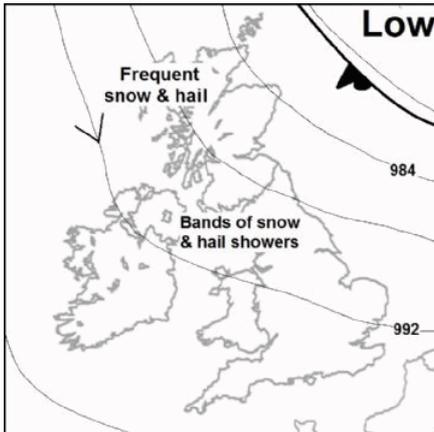
Southeastern Highlands

The southern highlands as far west as the central highlands and north to Ben Alder, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Friday, 22 January, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 22 January, 2021

Very cold across the mountains - terrain widely frozen, very icy in places, plus lying snow in most areas. Brisk west to northwest winds will maintain a severe chill factor in exposure. Areas of snow or hail showers moving inland from western coasts.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Cold, windy. Occasional snow or hail.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 22 January, 2021

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northwesterly 25 to 40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Frequent buffeting, risk sudden powerful squalls. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Scattered snow and hail showers Occasional snow and hail showers, locally may cluster together for an hour or so of frequent snow and whiteout, greatest risk around Ben Alder. Least precipitation toward the Ochils.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied, breaks to tops Cloud base changing quickly in and out of precipitation. Most cloud often above 800m, and breaks locally frequent. However, where snow occurs, shafts of cloud sometimes below 600m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief glimpses of sun and clear air, but briefly near-zero visibility during snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-5C. Where exposed to wind on higher terrain, feeling close to -20C.
Freezing Level	Terrain frozen to most lower slopes.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 23 January	Sunday 24 January
How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 20 to 30mph.	Direction likely to vary, perhaps a marked lull, but risk sometimes reaching 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Frequent buffeting on higher terrain. Severe wind chill.	May be often small, but beware of changing conditions and significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow or hail focused west Often dry, but well scattered snow or hail showers may come in from the west, mostly western hills around the Trossachs, where risk locally setting in at times.	Risk occasional snow or hail Often dry, but a few snow or hail showers/flurries possible here and there. Chance becoming a zone of more persistent snow for an hour or so.
Cloud on the hills?	Breaks to higher slopes Most cloud confined above 800 to 1000m, and breaks to higher slopes, best toward east. Patches below 700m around showers, mainly in west.	May be very little Mostly only fragments of cloud on higher slopes, with good breaks. May lower more extensively if snow occurs.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of sun and very clear air. Appalling visibility if in blowing snow.	Frequent sun and very clear air. Visibility briefly appalling if in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-6C	-5C
Freezing Level	Terrain widely frozen from glens upward.	Terrain widely frozen.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 23 January, 2021**

All mountains sub-zero through the weekend and into early next week. Terrain widely frozen with fresh snow cover to many lower slopes. Some freeze-thaw cycles may then occur, although higher Scottish mountains may rarely lift above zero for the next couple of weeks at least. Showers of snow and hail, or further significant snowfalls in some areas. Precipitation frequent into late January. Hard frosts most common in Highland glens. Very icy underfoot in places. Wind speeds varied, occasionally reaching gale force.

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