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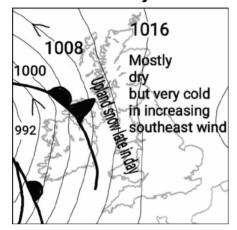
Southeastern Highlands

The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area 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 Wednesday, 6 December, 2023



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 6 December, 2023

After a hard frost, mostly dry and bright, but feeling increasingly bitterly cold as southeasterly winds strengthen and cloud thicken through the day ahead of a front, which will bring and increasing risk of upland snowfall, in across western mountains toward evening, and then spreading to all parts overnight.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Bitter chill in strengthening southeast winds. Snow setting in overnight.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 6 December, 2023

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly, strengthening through day from 20-30mph after dawn to 35 to perhaps 45mph before dusk.		
Effect of wind on you?	Walking increasingly difficult, in places on lower slopes, and feeling bitterly cold as wind chill becomes significant.		
How wet?	Little or no precipitation		
(Precipitation and its impact)	Very likely dry all day, but increasing threat snow west of A9 and Ochils after dusk. More widespread snow spreading in overnight, whiteout.		
Cloud on the hills?	Blanket of fog across the hills		
	Almost unbroken cloud above 600m, but east of A9, often 450m or lower. There may be a few breaks to or above 750m central highlands.		
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Dull and hazy.		
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3C. Will feel as cold as minus 16C directly in the wind.		
Freezing Level	Almost all terrain frozen.		

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Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 7 December	Friday 8 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Very turbulent conditions developing. Southeasterly winds; lifting through day to 50 to 80mph Be prepared for increasingly very difficult conditions, as turbulent and very powerful winds accelerate over the mountains.	East to southeasterly 15 to 25mph, locally 30mph at first, but tending to ease through the day. Be prepared for considerable wind chill in the strongest breezes, although tending to ease through the day.
How wet?	Spells of snow or refrozen rain	Rain, snow tops, tending to fizzle out.
(Precipitation and its impact)	Spells of snow. Level to which snow falls varying, to lower slopes in some areas, but upper slopes elsewhere, with some hills seeing refrozen rain.	Areas of rain, or above 1000m snow, on and off for a time, but tending to fizzle out into the afternoon. Although some showers may persist in the south.
Cloud on the hills?	Very extensive	Extensive
	Cloud widely shrouding the hills from lower slopes upwards.	Extensive cloud will very likely cover the hills throughout the day, often bases down to 400m or lower. Fleeting, if any, breaks.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Less than 10%	10%
Sunshine?	Overcast.	Overcast.
Air clarity (below cloud)	Very poor visibility, near zero in snow.	Misty and murky through the day.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Around -3C, will tend to rise to between -2C and plus 1C. More like -20C in the wind.	Around 1C, but feeling closer to -10C initially in the strongest winds before they ease.
Freezing Level	400-500m, lifting to 600-1000m, very varied across area.	Gradual thaw to upper slopes, with freezing level around 1100m.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 7 December, 2023

Unsettled conditions will prevail over the next week to 10 days, with periods of upland gales or severe gales with precipitation frequent, mostly rain, although intermittently snow Scottish Highlands, more rarely elsewhere. Driest conditions (relative to the average) will likely be in the northwest Highlands, given the often backed flow, as the low pressure areas track in.

Forecast issued at 16:29 on Tuesday, 5 December, 2023

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