

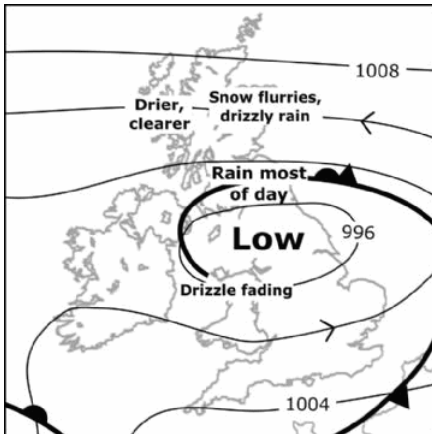
Southeastern Highlands

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, 3 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 3 April, 2024

Strong easterly winds, sub-zero on Scottish tops, significant chill factor. Persistent rain central & SE Scotland. Snow for E Highlands, mostly flurries. Extensive low cloud. Higher cloud bases, more often dry near west coast N from Mull. Frequent bursts of rain N England. Becoming often dry Wales, but strong westerlies.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Cold and windy, gusty, gale-force. Snow flurries.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 3 April, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 25 to 35mph, likely strongest on summits nearest to the central lowlands, for periods often 40mph, gusts 50mph around exposed major summits.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery and very gusty in places around major summits, walking often arduous around high tops. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow and rain most of the day Continuous light to moderate snow over the higher Munros, mostly rain below 700m, perhaps sleety higher up at times. Fairly persistent all day, heaviest in east, also Ochils, often raining here.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Shrouding the mountains throughout the day, to mid or lower slopes much of the region. Highest cloud bases near Loch Rannoch, rarely above 800m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, dull or murky, especially east. Visibility poor, whiteout on higher areas if in fog over snow cover.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Around 0C, falling during day, later -2C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C on Munros.
Freezing Level	800 to 1000m, lowest eastern areas, tending to drop later in day, to 600-700m in east by evening.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 4 April	Friday 5 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	East to northeasterly 15 to 30mph. Starting to strengthen further overnight. In places fairly small, but blustery on some tops, with considerable wind chill where exposed.	East turning southerly, 35 to 50mph, gusts 60mph+ up to dawn. A possible lull, but risk increasing again, further gales later. Beware of changing conditions, at times very difficult with powerful gusts to lower slopes. May improve for a time.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	A little snow, scattered showers Occasional snow or soft hail flurries, snow falling to lower elevations in the morning. May be more frequent light snow over easternmost hills for a time. Small amounts central highlands. Risk extensive hill snow arriving into night.	Snow turning to rain, heavy at times Extensive snowfall likely from before dawn, initially toward lower slopes. Turning to sleet or rain toward higher levels. Risk heavy for several hours, fairly persistent all day.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	May persist higher eastern areas Cloud likely to often shroud higher eastern tops, patches drifting westwards over tops for periods, but breaking at times to upper slopes near Loch Rannoch. 40%	Extensive Covering the hills widely from mid to lower slopes upward most or all day. Below 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often cloudy, glimpses of sun central highlands. Visibility good for periods, reduced if in precipitation.	Overcast and murky.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-3C rising to around 0C. Feeling near -10C if exposed to stronger winds in morning. 600 to 800m in the morning, plus frost some glens at dawn. Rising to 800-1000m afternoon, highest toward west.	Soon rising from -2C to 0C early morning. Rising to +2C. Wind chill often feeling like -10C. Near/below freezing glens upward at first, rising variably, but likely to lift above freezing toward all tops.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 4 April, 2024

Complex areas of low pressure continue to circulate over Britain. Chilly easterly winds for Scotland through midweek, eventually turning southwesterly by the weekend with a rise of temperature by this stage. Risk of widespread upland gales Friday into the weekend. The western Highlands will generally see least precipitation and best cloud breaks. Eastern Scottish hills plus much of England and Wales more often affected by low cloud and periods of rain or hill snow. Fresh snow accumulations over the Highlands. England and especially Wales typically above freezing to tops.

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