

Southeastern Highlands

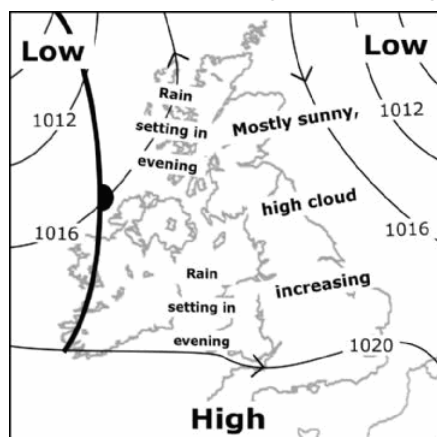
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Erich, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Friday, 23 May, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 May, 2025

A sunny start for most. High cloud begins drifting over western areas, gradually thickening through afternoon. Patchy high cloud builds in eastern Scotland and down the spine of the Pennines before high cloud reaches these areas too. Overcast for most by dusk with rain setting into western coastal areas, spreading east overnight.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Sunny, high cloud increasing; rain into night

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 23 May, 2025

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| How windy? (On the Munros) | Variable 10mph or less. Some northwesterly breezes in the morning east up to 15mph. Settling mostly southwesterly around dusk, 15-25mph easternmost slopes. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Negligible much of the day. Some uncomfortable winds on south and eastern slopes in the evening. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Dry daylight, rain from dusk Dry during most or all daylight. Rain arriving from the west around dusk, steadier and heavier rain setting in through the night for all areas. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Little if any Chance of isolated cloud banks on middle and high slopes east of the A9 in the morning. Soon fading for cloud-free hills. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | Above 90% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Extensive strong sunshine, some patchy fair weather cloud building. High cloud thickens from the west later, becoming overcast by dusk. Superb visibility. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | 2 or 3C rising to 9C, some locally warmer areas towards central Highland/Loch Tay up to 11C. |
| Freezing Level | Above the summits. Frost in glens at dawn. |

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

| | Saturday 24 May | Sunday 25 May |
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| How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you? | Westerly 25 to 35mph, risk 40mph for a time on higher tops in morning; may start to strengthen again into the night. Blustery over the mountains, affecting comfortable walking and balance on exposed tops and ridges, feeling cool. | Westerly 40-50+mph. Squally gusts near showers. Walking arduous, squally gusts may inhibit forward progress or blow you over. Significant wind chill. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Drizzly, fading at times east Persistent rain fades as dawn breaks, but leaves drizzly rain, staying damp much of day central highlands, but easing off for periods toward/east of Glenshee. Likely heavier rain onward into night. | Rain on and off, heavy bursts afternoon Rain on and off, chance more frequent west of the A9 in the morning. Risk heavy bursts in the afternoon, snow flurries possibly mixed in highest tops. Glenshee may be intermittently or more often dry. |
| Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros? | Extensive west, some breaks east Shrouding the mountains most persistently central highlands, fairly extensive above 500-700m. Bases higher east of the A9, often above 700-800m Glenshee eastwards, some breaks to high tops afternoon. 30% | Shrouded at dawn, breaking; best east High terrain widely shrouded at dawn, bases as low as 600m west of A9. Cloud breaking and bases generally lifting to above 800-900m; eastern areas may often be clear, though caps over tops will come and go. 40%, 60% Glenshee and east |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Glimpses of sun east of the A9, visibility good where dry. Mostly cloudy and dull further west, misty in drizzle. | Little if any sun early, clearing for intermittent or frequent sun. Visibility good or excellent, though poor in showers. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level | 8C, locally 10C toward and east of Glenshee, only slightly rising. Feeling sub-zero directly in the wind. Above the summits | Around 5C much of the day, possibly near 8C early. Becoming 2C most areas later. Feeling like -10C in direct wind. Mostly above the summits. May lower to highest tops around Ben Lawers late in the day. |

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 24 May, 2025

Low pressure facilitates a strong westerly Atlantic breeze over the weekend: blustery winds, low cloud, damp conditions for Saturday, then widely heavier rain is expected by Saturday night, accompanied by winds strengthening to gale force over many hills. Remaining very windy through Sunday and Monday with mountain gales; cooler too, with heavy showers, particularly frequent in western Scotland, a risk of hail and thunder. A changeable week follows, winds generally easing and likely a period of rain for England and Wales Tuesday. Eastern Scotland may be substantially dry with regular sun. Some improvement likely late week into the weekend.

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