

Southeastern Highlands

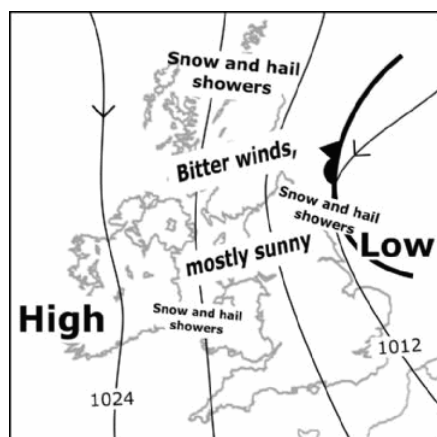
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Erich, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Thursday, 20 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 November, 2025

Staying cold as northerly winds continue, speeds starting to lessen gradually Scotland. Snow/hail showers in N Scotland, slowly fading. Showers also Cheviots, locally N/W Wales. Mostly sunny elsewhere. All terrain frozen; extensive snow cover over mountains, most substantial NW Highlands & Cairngorms.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Bitter gale force wind lessening. Sun and local snow showers.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 20 November, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northerly 35 to 50mph from dawn, gradually lessening to 30-35mph, always strongest on high eastern tops; slightly less central highlands up to dusk, lowering further after dark. Starting to shift westerly later in the night. Challenging conditions with significant wind chill, severe higher mountains; slow improvement, soonest western areas, buffeting all day in east.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Local snow and hail showers east, frequent for a time Continued snow and hail showers coming in from the north affecting areas near/east of Glenshee, particularly morning, locally frequent near/east of Lochnagar. Snow lying into glens. Often dry much of the central highlands.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Small amounts west, some banks east Patchy cloud sometimes drifting over upper slopes, but often breaking above many summits near and west of the A9. More common cloud banks over upper slopes near and east of Lochnagar in the morning. 70%, to 40% easternmost areas.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine frequent many areas, more cloud furthest east. Visibility mostly excellent, locally reduced if in showers.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-4C (to -6C highest summits). Wind chill feeling like -15 to -20C, coldest in stronger speeds in morning. Terrain widely frozen from glens upward, only partial thawing lowest sunlit slopes.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 21 November	Saturday 22 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	West later southwesterly, strengthening during daytime from 15-25mph to by dusk 40mph, risk after dark 50mph.	West to southwesterly 20 to 30mph. May become more variable toward and beyond dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Expect conditions to deteriorate, with time more strenuous, risk later difficult on higher mountains, significant wind chill.	Feeling noticeably breezy with marked wind chill; may start to affect ease of walking on higher exposed terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow moving in from west Likely dry start, possibly largely dry in easternmost areas all daylight. Snow flurries likely to develop from west, risk becoming persistent central highlands. Likely after dark, rain at lower elevations.	Brief flurries Often dry, but occasional light showers moving in from west, falling as snow flurries above around 700m, mostly spots of rain lower slopes. Rain and hill snow may return into night.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly little, later lowers from west Patchy mist some glens and perhaps corries at first, otherwise hills largely clear, possibly much of the daytime. With time, patchy cloud lowering onto tops from west, risk more extensive from dusk.	Fairly extensive, lifting variably Varied low cloud banks from dawn into morning, becoming mostly confined above 700-900m, though some lower patches likely to remain on southern slopes. Local higher breaks Glenshee north and east.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80% later dropping to 40%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun through high cloud in morning becoming weak, then obscured. Visibility excellent, reducing if snow develops, possibly poor later in west.	Rare glimpses of sun mostly eastern areas. Misty areas in morning, then visibility mostly good or locally becoming very good below cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2 or -3C, slow rise, by evening up to 0C. In stronger wind feeling like -15C.	0 or 1C. Feeling like -8C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Much terrain frozen all day to lower slopes, but later in day likely to start rising just above freezing at lower elevations.	900 to 1100m, typically highest toward the central belt; some lower terrain deep into the glens at least partly frozen.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 21 November, 2025

Winter conditions over the mountains - snow coverage to lower slopes in Scotland, snow and ice cover varied for England & Wales, but much terrain frozen; hard frost into inland valleys and glens into Friday. A front moving into Scotland from the west on Friday brings gales and snow, turning to rain lower down - arriving in England & Wales Friday evening-night. Less cold into the weekend, but higher mountains stay near or just below freezing, particularly Scotland; showers or locally more frequent upland snow over several days forward. Later next week looks at least briefly milder.

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