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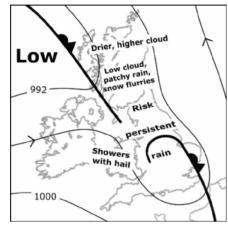
Southeastern Highlands

The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Ericht, 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, 4 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 4 December, 2025

A complex weather situation with areas of frequent or persistent rain and hill snow, focused from the southern Highlands to northern England; often strong SE'ly winds. Further north in the Highlands, generally drier with higher cloud breaks. In Wales, becoming showery westerlies with risk of hail.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Windy most places all day. Low cloud, patchy rain, hill snow.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 4 December, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly 30-35mph to 40mph higher mountains, possible stronger gusts mainly eastern areas, gusty locally downslope. During afternoon, tending to ease a little central highlands, but then well into night may start to increase again.		
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking in exposure widely through morning, or all day east, affecting balance on some slopes; an easing trend west. Considerable wind chill.		
How wet?	A little rain and upland snow		
(Precipitation and its impact)	Small amounts of precipitation but often damp across many areas, snow falling above 800-900m, may turn drizzly higher up at times, locally fading out occasionally. More persistent evening into night.		
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive		
	Cloud shrouds most hills all day, lowest on southern slopes from 700m upwards most of the day, some lower banks forming too. Highest bases near Loch Ericht, though will struggle to rise above 1000m.		
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and generally dull, poor visibility, misty across hills, difficult navigation if in cloud over snow cover.		
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 or 1C with some variability, typically coolest central highlands. Feeling like -10C or cooler in direct wind.		
Freezing Level	900-1100m, lowest central highlands; may vary.		

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Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 5 December	Saturday 6 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southeasterly 25-35mph. Rising to 40mph afternoon, and further into night towards 55mph+. Comfortable walking affected from dawn, deteriorating to difficult conditions into and overnight.	Varied between east and southerly, mostly 15 to 20mph or less, chance of locally gusty spots for a time. Mostly small
How wet?	Significant wind chill. Patchy sleet/snow, then rain into night	Rain and drizzle
(Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy sleet/snow arrives from the west in the morning for a few hours, then often dry for several hours. Rain (snow on high terrain) arrives from the west late in the day, setting in widely into night.	Generally damp all day where in cloud, periods of rain likely on and off at least. Patchier northwestwards.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive on high terrain	Extensive low cloud
	Most high terrain shrouded all day, bases somewhat variable with greatest chance of higher breaks towards Ben Alder. Setting in more extensively and lower in the west late in the day.	Likely to blanket the hills all day, fairly extensive from mid-slopes upward, some varied banks of cloud to lower slopes. Local breaks mainly on north/west-facing slopes near/north of Loch Tay.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Best visibility east, hazy (and foggy later) in the west.	Sun unlikely, generally misty and dull.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0C; will rise a few degrees in the late overnight hours. Feeling like -15C in wind.	2 or 3C. Wind chill may feel like -5C if exposed to gusty areas.
Freezing Level	Poorly defined, 600-800m though frost at lower elevations, including in glens. Rising overnight.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 5 December, 2025

Generally unsettled through the weekend and into next week with areas of low pressure circulating near to the British Isles. Temperatures often near to freezing point on higher Scottish mountains, at times on tops elsewhere, though some thawing will occur periodically even to high tops in the Highlands. A complex series of frontal systems bringing spells of rain and some upland snow, mixed with showers with hail mostly near western coasts. Wind speeds will also vary, often south to southwesterlies, at times reaching gale force on tops, but intermittent lulls.

Forecast issued at 7:15 on Thursday, 4 December, 2025

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