

Southeastern Highlands

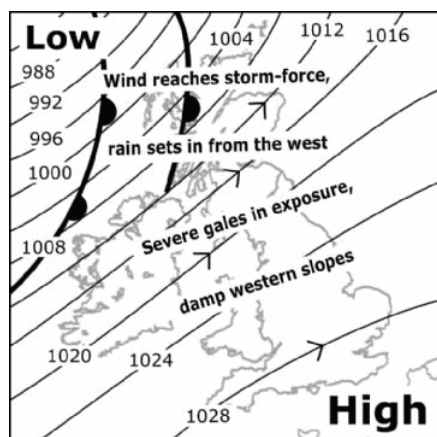
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Erich, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Saturday, 13 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 December, 2025

Increasingly severe conditions Scottish Highlands: gusty storm-force winds on high terrain and becoming wet from the west. Gales in England and Wales, severe from Snowdonia towards Lakeland/north Pennines; drizzly rain on western slopes, patches drifting east. Driest south Pennines.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Deteriorating to severe conditions; wet afternoon

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 13 December, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 40-50mph, strongest north, soon strengthening, reaching 65-80mph afternoon, stronger gusts over highest tops reaching up to 90mph for a period.
Effect of wind on you?	Conditions soon challenging from mid-elevations upward, increasingly any mobility difficult and turning severe afternoon with powerful gusts. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Afternoon rain developing, heavier later west Some spotty rain west in the wind early, dry east. Through afternoon, rain setting in persistently west of A9 with an increase of heavy falls. Rain will spread east but generally remain patchier and lighter here.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly west; increasingly extensive, lowering Varied banks of cloud in morning, mostly upper terrain west, some mid-elevation bases near Callander/Loch Tay. Increasingly filling in and lowering from the west, later from many lower slopes upward.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%; 40% for a time in the east
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Early patchy sunshine, best in the east but soon weakening as high cloud builds, turning overcast. Visibility very good in the morning though some haze around, deteriorating from the west as rain arrives.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1C much of morning, then rising steadily to later reach 5C by dusk, little change with added height; rising another two degrees into nighttime. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C later in the day.
Freezing Level	1000 to 1200m up to dawn, gradually rising, above all summits with time.

	Sunday 14 December	Monday 15 December
How windy? (On the Munros)	A gusty southwesterly, sustained winds between 40-55mph, perhaps a brief lighter period early. Risk 65mph gusts over tops.	Uncertain detail: west-southwesterly 15-25mph, though variable and perhaps lighter; risk much stronger early.
Effect of wind on you?	Strong gusty winds will challenge balance and stability all day, including less exposed slopes. Significant wind chill.	Fairly small, though winds may be suddenly uncomfortable in exposure, risk more notable effects early.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Most rain west Often raining west of the A9 with some heavy falls. Patches will drift eastward with a risk of setting in more widely for periods.	Chance rain east Patchy rain may reach the hills near the east lowlands; may remain dry all day.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, some high breaks east Blanket cloud over high terrain around and west of A9, variable bases between 600-900m, locally lower near Callander. Generally higher bases towards/east of Glenshee, local breaks possible but also may fill in during rain.	Mostly high tops, lowest central highlands Variable: banks of cloud drifting over high tops of central highlands, some variable lower banks as well. A risk filling in more widely on hills near the east lowlands.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10% west, 30% east	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of weak sun near Lochnagar. Visibility variable, poor at times central highlands, very good out of rain.	Little sun expected. Very good visibility, some haze.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	6 to 8C; variable, increasingly so after nightfall with lower temperatures. Feeling like -5 to -8C in the wind. Above the summits	2C, though may vary slightly; a degree warmer eastern areas. Feeling like -5C in direct wind. Above the summits overnight, lowering to 1100m at or before dawn.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 14 December, 2025

A brief spell of drier-brighter weather on Tuesday, but otherwise staying unsettled into next week as southwesterly winds prevail and low pressure systems pass to the northwest of Scotland; sustained gales over the mountains, severe or stormy for periods. Bands of rain will regularly pass eastward across most areas, showery in the west between wetter spells with hail at times. Expect very wet ground conditions and further flooding of streams and some rivers. Mild for the time of year, temperatures only just below freezing intermittently on higher Scottish tops, even here will experience spells above freezing with thawing, any lying snow patchy, but beware some icy surfaces on the very highest tops where some refreezing occurs. Detail becomes very uncertain after next weekend though temperatures likely to drop.

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