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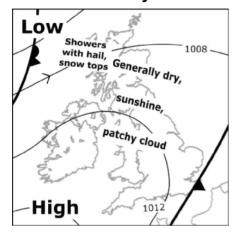
# **Southeastern Highlands**

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 Tuesday, 16 December, 2025



# British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 16 December, 2025

Showery in western Scotland, with hail, snow on higher mountains; fewer showers eastwards, more sun and higher cloud breaks. Strongest winds in NW Highlands, up to gale force tops. England and Wales largely dry and bright, patchy cloud western tops.

#### **Headline for Southeastern Highlands**

Blustery on high tops. Largely dry, patchy cloud, clearer east.

# **Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 16 December, 2025**

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 20 to 30mph. Strengthening onward into night to gales, further into night reaching 50-70mph.	
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery, may start to affect comfortable walking and balance on higher exposed tops and ridges, marked wind chill.  Deteriorating into night.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Local showers west  Occasional brief showers mostly toward western central highlands, falling as snow flurries above 800-900m, chance of hail.  Substantially dry toward and particularly east of the A9.	
Cloud on the hills?	Most common central areas  Cloud banks at various levels particularly in the morning, some fog lower down for a time in places. May drift over higher slopes above 800m frequently in central highlands, more breaks eastward.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% west, up to 60% east of Glenshee.	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, more frequent eastward. Visibility excellent out of cloud.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to 1C. Feeling like -8C directly in the wind.	
Freezing Level	900 to 1000m, beware icy surfaces on tops. Slight frost sheltered glens in morning.	

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#### Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 17 December	Thursday 18 December
How windy? (On the	South-southwesterly 50 to 60mph, at times	South to southwesterly 40 to 50mph, risk
Munros)	70mph highest tops, powerful gusts in places downslope to north.	60mph in places around higher summits, very gusty on some downslopes.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions over the mountains, walking difficult in exposure, sudden buffeting to some mid-slopes.	Ongoing arduous conditions over higher terrain, walking often difficult in exposure, significant wind chill.
How wet?	Hill snow for a time, heavy rain west	Risk of rain setting in
(Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and initially snow above 700-800m from before dawn, turning to rain during morning toward higher slopes, persistent and heavy, particularly central highlands. Later becoming showery.	Patchy showers, snow flurries above 900m, but often dry for several hours mainly in east. Risk of heavy rain moving in from southwest during day.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive	Fairly extensive, varied banks
	Shrouding the hills widely all day, from mid-to-lower slopes in morning, particularly central highlands. Base may start to rise from west during afternoon.	Cloud banks often covering many hills, lowest over southern slopes, local breaks some areas may be between cloud layers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and murky much of day. Possibly some improvement later in west.	Largely cloudy, some sun through high cloud; visibility locally good, but often misty many slopes, widely poor if rain develops.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0C rising to 3C in morning, then lowering again from dusk. Feeling like -12 to -15C directly in wind.	2 or 3C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C on tops.
Freezing Level	Varying, 800-900m around dawn, then rising above highest summits; then into night dropping to 1100-1200m.	1100 to 1200m, tending to rise a little during daytime, then lowering into night.

## **Planning Outlook**

#### All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 17 December, 2025

An unsettled southwesterly weather pattern continues mid-late this week. On Wednesday, another system sweeps in from the Atlantic bringing further rain and gales. Showery conditions then persist in western Scotland, with hail and snow on high tops. Scottish mountains often near or below freezing above 900m, only brief thawing higher up. Meanwhile, England and Wales stay mild midweek with more heavy rain likely into Thursday, then lowering to freezing on high tops for periods from Friday. A change of weather pattern is likely in the run up to Christmas, as high pressure builds northward, bringing drier weather, fog and frost more common.

#### Forecast issued at 16:05 on Monday, 15 December, 2025

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