

Southeastern Highlands

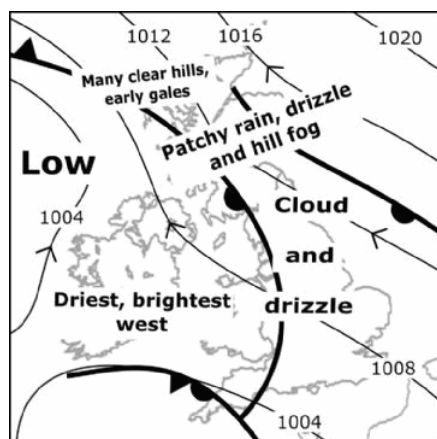
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Erich, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Sunday, 21 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 December, 2025

A blustery, gusty morning in northern England and Scotland, gales for a time in northwest Scotland, tending to ease. Patchy rain from central Scotland down the spine of the Pennines eases into drizzle over the high tops, drizzle in east Wales too with extensive hill fog in these areas. Best of breaks west Wales and NW Highlands.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Blustery, gradually easing; rain, drizzle, and hill fog

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 21 December, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly 30-35mph from dawn, risk some stronger gusts over tops and downslope early. Soon starting to ease with an easterly shift, 20-25mph by dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	In the morning, blustery with sudden gusts running downslope and reversals in direction; expect considerable buffeting, stability challenges, and wind chill, then conditions improving with time.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain and summit snow, drizzly later Patches of rain/summit snow feed in from the southeast. Dry periods will occur in the morning. Drizzly will become more frequent afternoon, perhaps quite persistent over the summits near the eastern lowlands.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Hills shrouded in low cloud for much of the day with bases varying, but often from mid slopes upwards, banks often to lower slopes or into the glens towards the east lowlands.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly overcast with poor visibility due to extensive cloud and rain/snow; visibility will be good below cloud towards central highlands.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1 or 2C, some slopes locally reaching up to 3C afternoon. Feeling closer to -10C in the wind.
Freezing Level	1000-1100m from dawn, gradually lifting, above the high tops by dusk.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 22 December	Tuesday 23 December
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly 30 to 40mph; gusty over the tops and downslope, may reach up to 45mph in exposure.	West-southwesterly 10-20mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly arduous conditions for several hours, sudden and strong wind gusts running downslope. Significant wind chill.	Mostly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and drizzle, most persistent east Widespread rain from dawn gradually clears to the northeast, leaving behind drizzle and patchy rain on slopes near the east lowlands. A few odd patches reaching towards Loch Ericht.	Patchy rain Patches of light rain here and there, risk more frequent in the far east. Some mountains may stay substantially dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, often to lower slopes. Extensive low cloud will shroud the hills throughout the day. Best chance of bases rising higher around Loch Ericht, but these improvements likely fleeting.	Fairly extensive over high terrain west of the A9 all day, bases lowering to middle slopes during rain, lower patches into the glens possible too. More broken east at first, perhaps to tops, though cloud starts to fill in here too.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast. Visibility poor due to early rain and an increasing haze.	A few glimpses of sunshine east at first, becoming mostly cloudy. Visibility limited by haze and passing rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C, but feeling closer to -10C where exposed to the strongest winds.	3 or 4C
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 22 December, 2025

Cloud and patchy rain lingers for a few more days early next week, then a slow change to drier and chiller weather into the Christmas period as high pressure builds to the north. Easterly winds will be dominant, the strongest winds in England and Wales. Cloud may be fairly sheet-like in the east sometimes, though variably more extensive or broken.

The coldest air will reach England and Wales on the easterly wind with freezing levels reaching as low as 400-600m in Wales, staying slightly warmer in northern Scotland with freezing levels nearer the high summits for a time under the core of high pressure.

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