

Southeastern Highlands

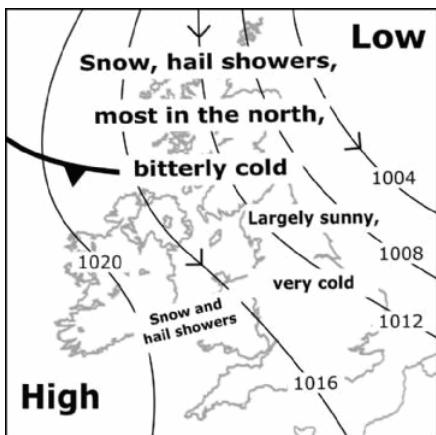
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Ericht, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Sunday, 4 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 4 January, 2026

Snow, hail, and wind continues driving into northern Scotland with showers passing into central and western areas; snow coverage fairly widespread in the Highlands. Southern Scotland and England mostly sunny, blustery in exposure. More snow and hail showers for Wales, pushing further east afternoon. Widely very cold.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Snow and hail showers; bitterly cold in the wind

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 4 January, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	North to northwesterly 35 to 40mph, locally stronger at times on tops east of A9; squally gusts in showers.
Effect of wind on you?	Severe wind chill over the mountains. Arduous walking with frequent buffeting on exposed terrain, challenging conditions on eastern tops.
How wet?	Locally frequent snow and hail
(Precipitation and its impact)	A stream of showers from the north mainly affecting areas near/east of Glenshee, snow and hail falling and accumulating into the glens. Showers well-scattered towards central highlands/Callander area, though more frequent for a time early.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly tops toward north/east Covering the tops north of Pitlochry and to east of Glenshee, mostly above 800-900m. More patchy over high ground towards the central highlands, trending more broken afternoon; largely clear around Callander/Loch Tay.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40% north and east, to 70% west of A9
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, more often sunny toward Loch Tay/Callander, particularly afternoon. Visibility excellent, but reduced to locally very poor if in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-6 or -7C (to as cold as -9C highest tops). Wind chill feeling like -20C in exposure on tops.
Freezing Level	Terrain widely frozen, staying sub-zero from glens upward.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 5 January	Tuesday 6 January
How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 20-30mph, risk speeds to 35-40mph in exposure at times. Shifting northwesterly afternoon.	West-southwesterly 20-25mph, rising with time, reaching 40mph at times over the summits. Shifting northerly after dark.
Effect of wind on you?	Significant wind chill; wind generally uncomfortable, strenuous walking in direct exposure.	Walking increasingly strenuous with time and significant wind chill, some variability.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow showers eastern Munros A stream of showers coming in from the north, mainly affecting areas near/east of Glenshee. Showers well scattered towards central highlands, few if any reaching Loch Tay/Callander.	Patchy snow, setting in afternoon Patchy showery snow drifts eastward intermittently gradually setting in more widely and persistently through the afternoon and into evening, likely heavily for several hours.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly tops toward north/east Most frequent on tops north of Pitlochry and to east of Glenshee, mostly above 800-900m. Occasional patches grazing tops elsewhere, but often clear around and west of A9.	Variable, becoming extensive. Variable in the morning, most high tops stay shrouded but bases often lifting to high terrain between showers. Gradually filling in lower and more widely from the northwest, to middle or low slopes as snow sets in.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40% north and east, to 70% west of A9	30%, lowering to 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, more often sunny toward Loch Tay/Callander. Visibility excellent, but reduced to locally very poor if in snow and cloud.	Sunshine unlikely. Moments of very good visibility early, though increasingly appalling as snow sets in with whiteout conditions.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-5 or -6C (to -8C on high summits and at dawn in glens). Wind chill feeling like -20C or colder in exposure on tops.	-2 or -3C, becoming colder into nighttime. Feeling as cold as -18C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Terrain widely frozen, staying sub-zero from glens upward.	Terrain widely frozen from the glens upward. Partial thawing on low sun-exposed slopes west of A9.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 5 January, 2026

Monday stays cold with terrain widely frozen; sunshine inland with continued snow showers along coasts. The weather then turns more variable: fronts begin to approach the country on Tuesday, with cloud gradually becoming widespread on high terrain from the north, an area of snow arriving widely into Scotland and tracking south into England and Wales overnight into Wednesday. Most terrain will stay frozen but a brief local lifting of freezing levels in western areas. Some sunny breaks and snow showers will follow this system. Beyond Wednesday, confidence in forecast detail is significantly lower, but another weather system is indicated for Thursday into Friday, this possibly bringing a swathe of snow, rain, and strong winds to the south and perhaps more widely.

Forecast issued at 15:29 on Saturday, 3 January, 2026

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