

Southeastern Highlands

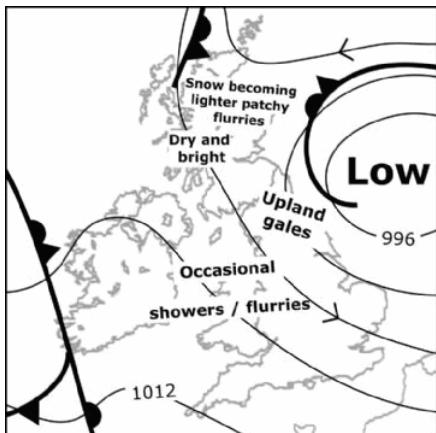
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Ericht, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Wednesday, 7 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 7 January, 2026

Gale-force NW'ly winds England, Wales and S Scotland, slowly lessen from west. Areas of snow falling over N & E Scotland tends to ease and become patchy. A few showers or flurries elsewhere, but largely dry SW Highlands. Much terrain remains frozen, substantial snow depths much of Highlands.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Windy start, gales east, easing. Local flurries possible.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 7 January, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	North-northeasterly 35 to 50mph up to and through dawn, strongest in east, tending to lessen to 20-30mph middle of day, shifting northwesterly afternoon 10-20mph or less in west up to dusk, little wind into evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Significant wind chill and arduous conditions around dawn, but improving during daytime, becoming small later.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow flurries mostly north/eastern areas Snow flurries, mostly areas north of Pitlochry and around/east of Glenshee, may linger all day, amounts small, but possibly continued local light snow onward into evening-night. Areas toward the central belt substantially dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied cloud banks, better west Patchy cloud clings around upper slopes and corries, most persistent near/east from Glenshee, risk persistent banks all day. Some breaks likely southward across central highlands.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% east, to 60% west of A9.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mix of cloud and sun, best toward central lowlands. Visibility mostly very good, but beware challenging navigation if within cloud/fog over snow cover.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-4C. Feeling like -15 to -20C if exposed to stronger wind early in day.
Freezing Level	Staying near or below freezing from the glens upward.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 8 January	Friday 9 January
How windy? (On the Munros)	Direction and speed likely to vary: mostly south or southwesterly, 10 to 20mph.	Variable direction, mostly below 15-20mph, in places often little wind.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small.	Likely small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rare light snow Often dry, but possible snow flurries locally from time to time.	Local flurries Possible snow flurries, greater risk over eastern hills, may fall as sleet some lower slopes; likely amounting to little.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied perhaps fairly extensive Cloud banks around upper slopes and corries, in places persistent to mid-slopes. Some mist lower down.	Varied patches Patchy cloud clinging to some upper slopes and corries, filling in locally if snow occurs, but expect clearer spells over many mountains.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, some glimpses of sun. Visibility good in places, but beware difficult navigation if in fog over snow cover on tops.	Any sun weak due to a veil of high cloud. Visibility very good over many hills, some haze or mist in glens.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3 or -4C.	-2 or -3C.
Freezing Level	Most terrain frozen and snow covered, many glens stay sub-zero. Some lower sunlit slopes rise just above freezing.	Terrain frozen into the glens, some slopes around 300-500m just above freezing point.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 8 January, 2026

Terrain remaining widely frozen into the weekend, extensive deep snow cover for Highlands, less nearer the central belt. An additional substantial snowfall for Wales & Peak District on Thursday night, accompanied by gales. A fairly benign end to the week for Scotland, showers near some west coasts. By late Saturday into Sunday, southerly winds strengthen to gales - as a frontal system approaches, snow then freezing rain is likely, before at least a temporary rise of freezing level - some thawing develops on lower terrain, most pronounced in Wales toward higher slopes. Chilly patterns next week with some further hill snow, many mountains often sub-zero, but overall less cold.

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