

Southeastern Highlands

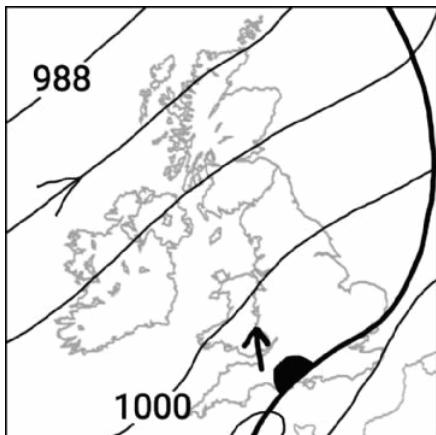
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Ericht, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Thursday, 15 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 January, 2026

Blustery and chilly south-westerly winds bringing occasional snow and hail showers, most prevalent across the west Highlands. Rain falling below 500m. Drier for England and Wales, but risk of marked deterioration later for southern and eastern Wales as rain and summit snow edges in from the south.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Blustery south-west winds bring a few snow showers to the west.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 15 January, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 25 to perhaps 35mph. Will ease further later and back southerly.
Effect of wind on you?	Strong enough to make walking arduous where exposed and balance at times difficult. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional hail and snow showers Hail and snow showers mainly west of A9; few if any reaching Deeside.
Cloud on the hills?	Persistently covering higher tops Higher areas persistently covered. Cloud base typically 600 to 900m, highest cloud base Ochils and Angus.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sunshine - most sun Ochils and Angus. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C, but feeling more like -10C in direct exposure to the strongest winds.
Freezing Level	750m.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 16 January	Saturday 17 January
How windy? (On the Munros)	Low confidence in detail: Northerly 20-30mph eastern hills at first, little wind in west. Then turning southwesterly 20mph.	South-easterly 10 to 20mph, perhaps 25mph through some cols, passes and summits.
Effect of wind on you?	Risk very blustery start eastern hills with considerable wind chill. Otherwise, mostly small impact from the wind through day.	Mostly small, but wind chill still significant where exposed to the strongest breeze.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Mostly dry	Occasional light drizzle or snow grains Occasional spots of fine drizzle or snow grains from the low cloud.
Cloud on the hills?	Hills may be fairly clear above valley fog. Hills may well be fairly clear, although some caps of cloud across the tops at times. Likely ribbons of fog through some of the glens, mainly in the west.	Fairly extensive from lower slopes up Fairly extensive banks of low cloud from lower slopes up, with fog right down into some of the glens. Limited breaks, perhaps some between cloud layers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A mix of cloud and patchy sun. Visibility very good, away from any fog in the glens.	Extensively dull with misty and murky conditions fairly widely.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C	-1C, but feeling closer to -8C in the strongest breeze.
Freezing Level	700-800m, but frost into the western glens at first light.	Varied across area, around 500-800m, but frost into glens in morning.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 16 January, 2026

A small scale low will pull away early on Friday morning to the North Sea to leave drier and chilly conditions into the weekend with a south to south-easterly airflow developing. Looking further ahead, a colder continental influence may be drawn in on south to east winds, but the extent of this is uncertain. The snow pack across the Scottish Highlands will be enhanced by further spells of snowfall where fronts edge in from the west, whilst for England and Wales snow accumulating on the hills at times, perhaps in the form of showers from the east.

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