

Southeastern Highlands

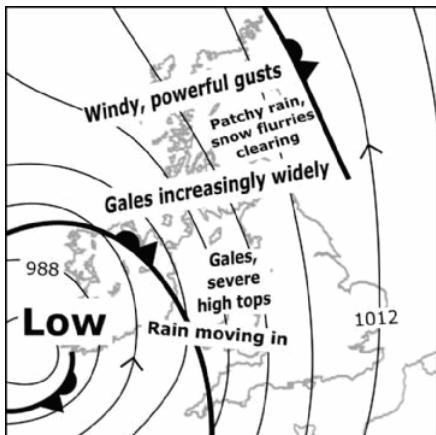
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Ericht, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Tuesday, 20 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 January, 2026

Strong southeasterlies, gusting gale-force Scottish mountains, strengthening widely. Gales all day for Wales, severe on high tops, increasingly northern England also. Some light rain and hill snow flurries, mostly eastern Scotland, fading with rising cloud base. Heavier rain develops in south Wales.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Windy, increasingly gales. Low cloud, snow flurries, but improving.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 20 January, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly 35 to 45mph, tending to strengthen, very gusty in places around higher mountains. Increasingly 50-60mph as afternoon progresses, continuing into evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Affecting comfortable walking and making balance challenging, blustery not just on tops; considerable wind chill. Deteriorating to become increasingly difficult later.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	A little rain, snow on tops Patchy areas of rain moving northwards, snow falling mostly above 900m; may be more frequent in places for a few hours in morning, tending to fade by afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, becoming more broken in west Shrouding the mountains from many mid-slopes upward in morning, but a rise of base develops with time, breaks forming, best toward Loch Tay northward around early afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10% rising to 40% central highlands
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally cloudy early in day, becoming brighter with glimpses of sun. Hazy or misty over most hills, some good visibility with time.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1C. Wind chill feeling like -10C, to -15C in stronger speeds.
Freezing Level	1000 to 1100m.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 21 January	Thursday 22 January
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly 35 to 50mph, early in day 60mph in east, powerful gusts; easing for a time mainly central highlands.	East to southeasterly 45 to 60mph; powerful gusts downslope toward west of major summits.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions, walking difficult in exposure on high terrain, may moderate for a time. Significant wind chill.	Difficult conditions, mobility challenging and gusts may knock you over not just on highest terrain. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and upland snow Snow falling above 800-900m, rain lower down, in places wetter higher up at times, risk persistent much of day.	Constant upland snowfall, often heavy Hill snow likely persistent, constant heavier falls expected widely over the region, but particularly eastern areas; rain or sleet on lower slopes, up to 600m for a time.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive low cloud Shrouding the mountains from many mid-slopes upward, highest bases at times 800-900m toward the north/west of Loch Tay, but rarely above tops.	Extensive Shrouding the mountains widely from mid-slopes upward. Highest bases toward and west of Loch Tay, but rare if any breaks to the tops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, poor visibility, whiteout if in snow and cloud on high tops.	Largely cloudy, hazy at best, but whiteout conditions over the mountains in cloud and snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 or 1C. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C where exposed on higher areas.	-2C, may drop slightly colder with time. Wind chill feels as cold as -17 to -20C.
Freezing Level	900 to 1000m.	600 to 800m, likely to drop further during day to lower slopes.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 21 January, 2026

Strong east to southeasterlies continue beyond midweek, sustained gales over most mountains with powerful gusts downslope toward west. Near or just below freezing on higher tops - colder air is likely to move into Scotland at least late in the week, much mountain terrain then frozen with severe chill factor. Scope for substantial snowfalls over eastern Scottish hills later this week. Sleet or snow mostly higher tops in England and Wales, may fall lower over the weekend. Low cloud often covering many hills across Britain, clearer and drier toward western coasts. Circulating low pressure and cold air likely into next week, with further snowfalls likely.

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