

Southeastern Highlands

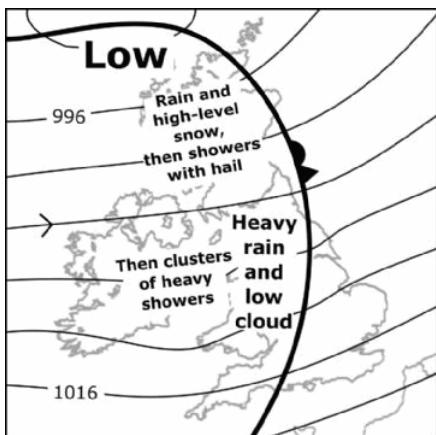
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Ericht, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Friday, 20 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 February, 2026

Extensive gale-force southwesterlies. A rise of freezing level toward higher tops in Scotland, where early hill snow soon turns mostly to rain. Lifting above freezing to highest tops in England & Wales by dawn, a few hours of heavy rain. Clusters of heavy showers follow into all western areas with hail, a chance of thunder.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Soon widely upland gales. Snow then rain, wettest in west.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 20 February, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly soon strengthening from dawn to 40-55mph, briefly 30mph at first furthest east; strong gusts and a westerly shift with time.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking soon widely challenging with significant wind chill on high terrain; maintaining stability a constant effort.
How wet?	Hill snow then rain, most sustained west
(Precipitation and its impact)	Snow spreads from west from before dawn, most persistent west of the A9, patchier eastward; turning more to sleet or rain to increasingly higher elevations in morning. Then fading, replaced by showers afternoon, mostly rain, locally hail, may cluster together again central highlands into constant rain.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive over high terrain High tops shrouded, likely all day, bases reach to middle or lower slopes during rain, but a few higher breaks may occur during cessations in rain as well, best chance in the east afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%
Sunshine?	Likely cloudy, a few bright breaks possible here and there afternoon.
Air clarity (below cloud)	Visibility often poor, but excellent during breaks in cloud and rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C, rising, reaching +2C. Feeling like -13 to -15C in direct wind.
Freezing Level	Variable 600 to 800m at first, patchy frost some eastern glens. Rising with time to 1100-1200m.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 21 February	Sunday 22 February
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 35 to 50mph; gales up to dawn briefly lessen in morning, then tending to re-strengthen into afternoon.	Southwesterly 40 to 55mph, squally gusts in showers, over 60mph on higher tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Expect arduous walking conditions over exposed high terrain most of day, a brief relative lull in morning.	Challenging conditions over the mountains, frequent buffeting making walking arduous in exposure. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain frequent or persistent Rain on and off, most persistent central highlands, sleet at dawn on highest tops. Smaller amounts east from Glenshee for periods. Widely persistent rain developing with time in afternoon, heaviest west.	Rain and hail, snow tops, mostly west Showery conditions most frequent western central highlands, locally heavy with hail, snow falling above 900-1000m; less precipitation east of the A9.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Blanketing higher terrain all day, bases rarely above 600-700m west of A9, may lower further. Briefly higher breaks above 800m toward Glenshee and east at first.	Often covering western tops Covering mountains west of the A9 frequently above 900m, sometimes to 700m or briefly lower in showers. Higher bases and greater breaks eastwards.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, locally brighter skies for a time toward Angus. Hazy, visibility widely poor in rain.	Glimpses of sun, mostly toward east. Visibility often very good east, but reduced to poor at times in showers further west.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3 or 4C. Where exposed to stronger winds on tops, feeling like -10C.	1 or 2C. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C on tops.
Freezing Level	Soon rising above all summits from dawn.	1000 to 1200m, highest toward east.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 21 February, 2026

Southwesterly winds brings milder conditions into this weekend - lifting above freezing to tops in England and Wales with substantial thawing, and generally higher freezing levels in Scotland; periods of thawing to Munro summits will occur but also further snowfall and refreezing on higher terrain during the day-to-day variability of precipitation and freezing levels onward into early next week. Likely colder later next week, back below freezing on higher terrain for a run of days. Often windy with periods of upland gales. Some spells of heavy rain over all western hills and low cloud frequently covering the hills.

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