

Southeastern Highlands

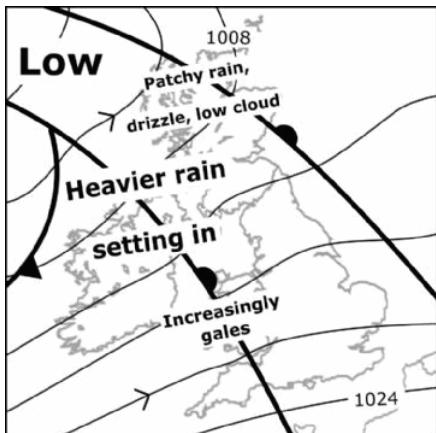
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Ericht, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Saturday, 21 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 February, 2026

Southwesterly winds strengthening during the day, becoming upland gales more widely later. Milder overall, soon rising above freezing to the highest summits in Scotland. Rain, drizzle and low cloud extensive, developing into more prolonged heavy rain from the west in the afternoon.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Increasingly windy, gales later. Periods of rain, wettest west.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 21 February, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	West soon southwesterly, 25mph or briefly less from dawn, but strengthening from west, to 35mph, gusty around higher tops. Continuing to strengthen afternoon, reaching 45-50mph onward into evening.
Effect of wind on you?	A relative lull early in the day, but increasingly blustery over the mountains affecting comfortable walking. Conditions become more arduous afternoon, difficult toward dark.
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. Increasingly wet underfoot, particularly where snow melts on upper-mid slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Blanketing higher terrain all day, bases rarely above 600-700m west of A9, lowering further in rain. Briefly higher breaks above 800m toward Glenshee and east at first, mainly northern aspects.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, locally brighter skies for a time toward Angus. Hazy, visibility widely poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3 or 4C. Where exposed to stronger winds on tops, feeling like -10C.
Freezing Level	Soon rising above all summits from dawn. Dropping to 1100-1200m into night. Snow cover will remain on higher mountains, but a period of thaw.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 22 February	Monday 23 February
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 45 to 55mph, squally gusts in showers, over 60mph on higher tops.	Southwest turning westerly 50 to 60mph, stronger gusts around higher tops in the morning, easing slightly afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions over the mountains, frequent buffeting making walking arduous in exposure. Significant wind chill.	Any mobility challenging on high terrain much of the day, gusts can knock you over. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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.	Early showers fade, rain by evening Showery precipitation from overnight and for an hour or so from dawn, mainly central highlands, possible hail, snow above 1000m. Fading to become drier afternoon. Then rain develops from southwest, heavy onward into night.
Cloud on the hills?	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.	Varied western tops, clearer eastern hills Cloud banks likely to affect higher western areas in the morning above 800-1000m, more broken patches eastwards. Tending to lift and break, many hills clearing for a few hours, best east. Lowering later west.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, mostly toward east. Visibility often very good east, but reduced to poor at times in showers further west.	Occasional sun, best in east; high cloud then thickens quickly later from west. Visibility mostly very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1 or 2C. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C on tops.	2C, then rising slightly into night. Feeling like -15C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	1000 to 1200m, highest toward east.	1100m, marginal rise during day, then lifting above the summits into night.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 22 February, 2026**

West to southwesterly winds prevail during the week ahead as areas of low pressure move toward northwest Scotland whilst ridges of higher pressure occasionally nudge across southern Britain. Sustained gales over the mountains, only brief lulls. Temperatures will fluctuate above and below freezing on higher Scottish mountains, with periods of thaw and refreezing. England and Wales generally above freezing to tops with a substantial thaw of most upland snow. Frequent rainfall, often heavy over western mountains, at times showery with hail, some snow on Scottish Munros. The final days of February favour colder northwesterly air and a drop of freezing level.

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