

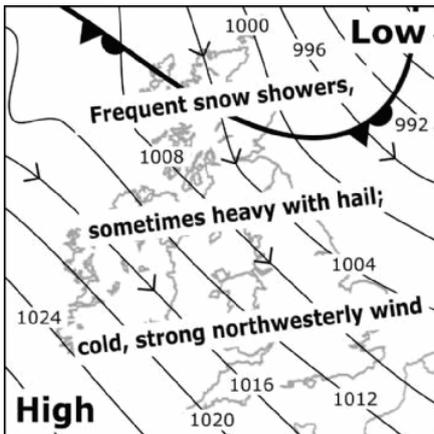
Southeastern Highlands

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, 25 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 25 March, 2026

Widespread hail and snow showers, at times heavy with a risk of isolated lightning. Fewer showers in the N Pennines and southeast Scotland for a few morning hours, but returning afternoon. Gales widespread as well with sudden strong gusts, easing only slightly in Scotland. Cold, staying below freezing above 500-600m.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Snow and hail showers; gales, easing somewhat

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 25 March, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	West-northwesterly 35-45mph, varying speeds with squally gusts around showers, gusts reaching up to 50mph. Trending northwesterly, easing slightly, mostly below 40mph towards central highlands.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking strenuous with frequent buffeting, in places more arduous over higher exposed terrain with severe wind chill. Beware sudden strong gusts, necessitating additional effort to maintain stability.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow and hail, more frequent/persistent for a time Showery snow and hail falling to lower slopes, well scattered in the morning, most frequent in the west but developing more widely with time, perhaps persistent to near-constant for a few hours; chance of isolated thunder & lightning. Showers may ease in strength late in the day.
Cloud on the hills?	Varying over tops, good breaks Cloud base changing regularly, for periods confined to patches on highest tops with breaks above summits, but around showers forming to 700-800m. A risk of more extensive cloud coverage over the midday hours.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of bright sunshine, most widely east of A9. Visibility often very good, but occasionally appalling in showers with brief whiteout over tops.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3C, a slight rise into afternoon. Wind chill feeling as cold as -20C on high tops.
Freezing Level	500m from dawn, lifting to 600m, slightly higher away from showers, notably around Callander and Ochils.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 26 March	Friday 27 March
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northwesterly 25-35mph, strongest wind east. Easing, shifting westerly, 15mph, later SW'ly and restrengthening. Strenuous walking in exposure with wind chill, stability challenged in the east. Effects easing to fairly small.	Westerly 30-40mph, trending towards higher speeds with time, 45mph into evening. Walking increasingly arduous in exposure with significant wind chill, conditions deteriorating as dusk approaches.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no precipitation Likely entirely dry well into the day. Later, , some snow/re-frozen rain arrives to westernmost mountains, turning to rain and spreading eastward into night.	Snow showers, mostly central highlands Likely dry at daybreak. Showers soon arrive from the west, snow to 600m, and largely confined to central highlands. Showers push further east in afternoon, some heavier falls possible too.
Cloud on the hills?	Largely clear, then lowering through afternoon A few odd patches on the high tops early, but soon clear well into the day. Through afternoon, cloud will lower to the tops, first central highlands, further lowering, extensive to middle slopes after dark.	Mostly just high tops, well broken Some ragged patches of cloud at several elevations at dawn but these dissipating after sunrise. Banks of cloud occasionally drift over the highest tops, most often central highlands, as low as 800-900m afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	90%, lowering to 30% or lower by evening	70%, lowering to 50% central highlands afternoon
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine in the morning, gradually weakened by high cloud, overcast by evening. Excellent visibility.	Frequent bright sunshine, turning to a patchwork afternoon, most cloud west. Very good visibility, though suddenly poor in showers.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-4 or -5C, rising to -3 or -2C, sharply rising overnight, several degrees above freezing. Feeling like -15C in early wind. Fairly widespread frost at dawn. A slight rise, then sharply lifting above the summits around and after dusk.	-1C early, sunny slopes may briefly rise a degree; lowering, -2C into night. Feeling like -13 to -15C in direct wind. Lowering from overnight, 800-900m at dawn, lowering to 700m through the day.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 26 March, 2026

Thursday starts chilly with clear skies for many, snow then rain moves into western areas with time. Strong northwesterly winds prevail as the weekend starts, brining cooler temperatures and a mix of showers and sun across most areas, the showers likely snowy to middle elevations with some hail mixed in. The cool, spring-like conditions will allow showers to become heavier and more widespread in the afternoon. Sunday into next week sees high pressure southwest of the country, producing drier weather with sun breaks, a trend towards milder temperatures too, but several low pressure systems to the north draw bands of rain eastward, mostly affecting Scotland, occasionally northern England and Wales. A risk of cooler northerly winds re-establishing later in the week, though detail is uncertain.

Forecast issued at 15:40 on Tuesday, 24 March, 2026

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