

Southeastern Highlands

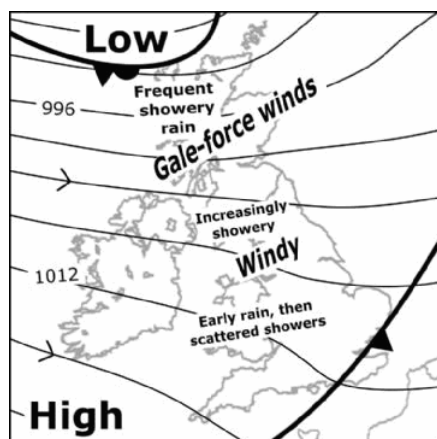
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Erich, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Thursday, 17 September, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 September, 2026

Strong westerly winds, gales widely on Scottish mountains; cool air and significant wind chill factor. Showery rain with heavy bursts mixed in most frequent in western Scotland, but tending to extend eastward. Showers develop more often for northern England too. Fewer showers for Wales after early rain clears.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Mountain gales, feeling distinctly chilly; bursts of rain develop.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 17 September, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	West-southwesterly strengthening 35 to 50mph, stronger gusts and sustained speeds toward 60mph at times on high tops later afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking in exposure, becoming arduous with considerable buffeting, gusts could knock you over on high terrain; significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers increasingly, some heavy, risk hail Showers push onto hills west of the A9 from dawn, more scattered east with dry windows to start, but will become more frequent and increasingly push east well into the day; heavy falls forming, small risk hail.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly high west terrain, later more extensive Banks pass above 800-900m west of A9, variably lowering in showers. Mostly just passing patches over tops to the east. Cloud increasingly frequent, filling in fairly widely above 800-900m later with varied lower patches during and after showers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50%, to 80% west, lowering to 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sun, extended windows to the east, trending cloudier with time. Very good visibility out of cloud and rain, generally deteriorating.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5C, slight rise in east but will reduce again in showers. Feeling like -5 to -7C in strongest wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 18 September	Saturday 19 September
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly shifting S-SW'ly 35-45mph, briefly less in morning, then increasing further to 50-55mph during afternoon. Strenuous conditions in exposure, deteriorating to become more widely difficult with considerable wind chill.	Southwesterly 40 to 50mph. Arduous walking conditions, balance frequently challenged on high exposed terrain. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain develops and sets in from west Light showers drift onto hills west of A9 early in the day, otherwise largely dry until afternoon, then rain moves in from the west, some extended heavier falls set in with time over central highlands.	Showers mostly west Showery rain most frequent on hills toward Callander, a mix of drizzle and briefly heavier bursts. More scattered showers toward and east of the A9 corridor.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Breaking of summits, later starting to fill in Fairly extensive above 800-900m central highlands at first, ragged patches further east, and lifting to just passing patches over tops for a time. Later afternoon, a sheet of cloud lowers onto the tops, increasingly filling in, towards 700-900m, or lower west of A9. 70%, lowering to 20% later	Mostly higher tops, breaks east Banks of cloud often capping central tops above 800 to 1000m, higher bases eastwards with breaks more often toward the tops east from Glenshee. 30% west, to 60% east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine, trending overcast, and later dull on high terrain. Windows of good visibility, a little haze, deteriorating later.	Glimpses of sun west, longer periods of sun east. Visibility good where dry, slight haze especially west, reduced in showers.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	4 or 5C, rising to 7C, and rising slightly further into night. Feeling near 0C in direct wind. Above the summits.	6 or 7C, trending slightly cooler later in the daytime. Feeling like -3 to -6C in the wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 18 September, 2026

Sustained gale-force winds continue extensively on the mountains into the weekend, southwesterly turning westerly with time. Frequent rain over western hills, showers passing eastwards, tending to fade during Sunday as higher pressure begins to build from the south, allowing wind speeds to lessen too over England & Wales. Warmer into early next week, though higher humidity brings more cloud some drizzly rain to the west. A generally more promising forecast for late September as high pressure nearby offers drier and warmer weather for more places. Weather systems grazing past Scotland to the north still bring locally stronger winds and occasional rain mainly to the northwest.

Forecast issued at 16:01 on Wednesday, 16 September, 2026

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