

Southern Uplands

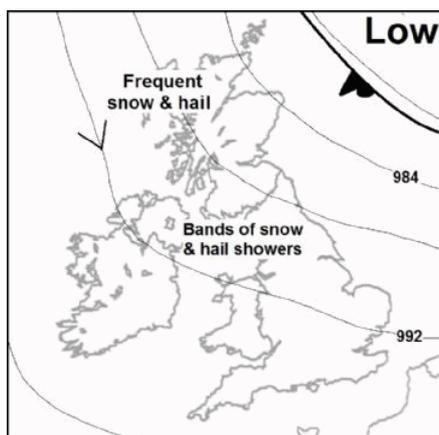
The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).



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General Summary for Friday, 22 January, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 22 January, 2021

Very cold across the mountains - terrain widely frozen, very icy in places, plus lying snow in most areas. Brisk west to northwest winds will maintain a severe chill factor in exposure. Areas of snow or hail showers moving inland from western coasts.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Cold, windy. Local snow or hail showers.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 22 January, 2021

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 25 to 40mph, strongest Cheviots early morning.
Effect of wind on you?	Frequent buffeting, risk sudden powerful squalls. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow and hail showers mostly west Snow and hail showers, may cluster together for an hour or so of frequent snow or hail on western hills in Dumfries & Galloway. Chance isolated thunder. Eastern areas from Lothians to Cheviots escaping more often dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied, breaks to tops Most cloud often confined to patches on high tops, and breaks frequent toward east of the M74. However, where snow occurs, shafts of cloud sometimes below 600m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun and often very clear air. Visibility abruptly very poor in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3C. Where exposed to wind on higher terrain, feeling close to -15C.
Freezing Level	300-400m, but also frost into valleys in the morning. Very icy underfoot.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 23 January	Sunday 24 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 20 to 30mph.	Direction likely to vary, perhaps a marked lull, but risk sometimes reaching 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Frequent buffeting on higher terrain. Severe wind chill.	May be often small, but beware of changing conditions and significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow or hail mostly west Snow or hail showers coming in from the west into Dumfries & Galloway, may be locally frequent for a time. Further east of the M74, largely dry, only brief showers.	Risk periods of snow and hail Detail uncertain: Areas of snow or hail showers coming in from the west. May merge into a zone of constant snow for a few hours. Also periods where dry for several hours locally.
Cloud on the hills?	Patches on tops Most cloud confined to higher slopes, briefly below 600m around showers in west.	Forming around precipitation Cloud varied - sometimes only fragments on higher slopes, with good breaks. Around precipitation, forming extensively and quickly below 700m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sun and very clear air. Visibility locally very poor in showers.	Intermittent sun and very clear air. Visibility abruptly appalling if in snow.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-4C	-4C
Freezing Level	Most terrain frozen from dawn. Partial thawing lower slopes up to 200-300m.	Terrain widely frozen. Partial daytime thawing lowest slopes.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 23 January, 2021**

All mountains sub-zero through the weekend and into early next week. Terrain widely frozen with fresh snow cover to many lower slopes. Some freeze-thaw cycles may then occur, although higher Scottish mountains may rarely lift above zero for the next couple of weeks at least. Showers of snow and hail, or further significant snowfalls in some areas. Precipitation frequent into late January. Hard frosts most common in Highland glens. Very icy underfoot in places. Wind speeds varied, occasionally reaching gale force.

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