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Southern Uplands

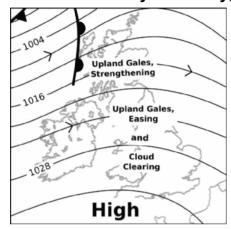
The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).



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General Summary for Friday, 26 January, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 26 January, 2024

Highlands: Upland gales getting stronger through the day. Snow and hail on and off all day along the west coast but mostly dry in the east. England, Wales & Southern Uplands: Upland gales tending to ease and becoming dry with only very isolated showers. Many summits cloud free and bursts of sunshine. Remaining cool.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Upland gales

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 26 January, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly, typically 40 to 50mph. Strongest winds morning and evening when it may be 55mph for a time.	
Effect of wind on you?	Walking difficult on higher areas. Balance and control of foot placement affected. Significant wind chill.	
How wet?	Very occasional showers	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Overnight rain clearing to leave isolated brief showers, most likely before midday and then from late evening. Falling as sleet or snow above 500m. Very few showers in the Cheviots.	
Cloud on the hills?	All but perhaps highest tops often clear	
	Varying cloud base: patches briefly below 600m near precipitation. Otherwise, base typically 800m or above, allowing most or all tops to clear for periods.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, particularly Borders; extensive sun Cheviot hills. Persistent haze, particularly west of M74.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	0C. Will feel around -15C directly in the wind.	
Freezing Level	750m.	

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Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 27 January	Sunday 28 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 35 to 50mph, strongest winds Moffat to Upper Tweeddale.	Southwesterly 60 to 70mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous walking conditions. You may experience difficulty with good foot placements and balance. Significant wind chill.	Walking very challenging. Very powerful gusts will occasionally reach lower sheltered slopes. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Occasionally drizzle north of Solway firth.	Risk of drizzle Galloway
	Pockets of drizzle on and off near southern coast of Galloway and Dumfries. Mostly dry elsewhere.	There may be areas of drizzle coming in from the Solway. Possible rain by dusk.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Galloway	Extensive
	Galloway: cloud from lower slopes up on south coast facing slopes. Elsewhere: patches of cloud near the summits coming and going.	Extensive cloud will cover most hills from lower slopes to above the summits. Pentland, Moorfoot and Lammermuir Hills likely to be cloud free.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright patches of sunshine. Hazy Dumfries and Galloway, good elsewhere.	Little or no sunshine. Hazy.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C. Feeling around -10C in the wind.	7C, feeling -5 to -10C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 27 January, 2024

Total rainfall will be very small in Wales, the Peak District and the southern Pennines over the weekend and beyond. High winds over the weekend will temporarily ease for a day to two early next week. Periods of freezing temperatures will be brief on higher summits away from the Highlands, whilst across the Scottish Highlands, there will be a series of freeze-thaw cycles. Fronts continue to move across the Highlands, particularly the north west.

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