

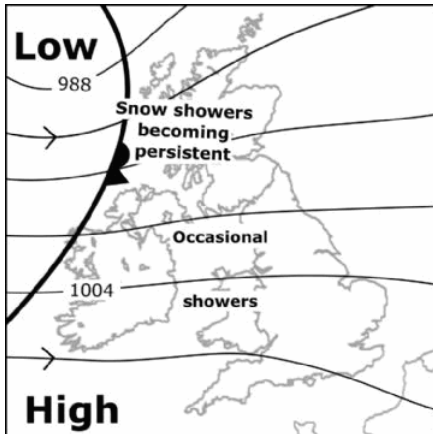
Southern Uplands

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 Monday, 12 February, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 February, 2024

Southwesterly winds strengthening to be widely upland gales, severe toward evening. Sub-zero all higher tops. Showers spreading inland from west coast of Scotland falling as snow to modest elevations, becoming more persistent snowfall. Scattered showers western England & Wales, more frequent later.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Upland gales or near-gales.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 12 February, 2024

<p>How windy? (On the summits)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Southwesterly 30 to 45mph, speeds varied, tending to increase further later. From dusk into evening, reaching 60mph higher tops, soonest in west. Continuing upland gales into night.</p> <p>Often arduous walking over higher terrain, later more difficult conditions. Significant wind chill.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Periods of showers, hail or snow tops</p> <p>A scattering of showers spreading from the west, at times with hail, snow over hills falling above 500-600m. Frequent for a time from dawn moving west to east, then easing for a time, but becoming more frequent again or persistent from west afternoon into evening, snow to lower elevations. Showers then fading overnight.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free summits?</p>	<p>Varied patches over tops</p> <p>Cloud bases varied, but will come and go on high tops. Some breaks for a few hours morning into middle of day, best over eastern hills. Lowering from western areas in afternoon, filling in later as precipitation becomes frequent.</p> <p>50% west, to 70% east.</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Occasional bursts of sun. Visibility periodically good, but reduced around showers.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 750m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>0 or -1C. Wind chill feeling as cold as -15C on tops directly in higher speeds.</p> <p>600 to 800m, lowering to 500m by dusk where snow develops. Slight frost some valleys from dawn.</p>

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 13 February	Wednesday 14 February
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 30-40mph, easing to 20mph or less, perhaps low speeds later in day. Blustery morning, affecting comfortable walking on higher terrain, marked wind chill. Improving to become fairly small.	Low confidence of forecast details: Risk south to southwesterly 25 to 40mph. Chance of variable lower speeds. Prepare for blustery conditions and marked wind chill. Chance of more benign conditions.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Local drizzly rain possible south Mostly dry, but risk of drizzly showers moving in from the Solway Firth. Drizzly rain may develop further into night.	Rain and drizzle Rain and drizzle fairly widespread all day, most persistent and heaviest toward southwest. Possibly drier toward the central belt and Borders.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Varied banks, mainly south Banks of low cloud mainly southern hills in Dumfries and Galloway. Patches toward Cheviots. Often clear toward Pentlands. 40%	Risk extensive or filling in Uncertain extent of low cloud, but a considerable risk of blanket low cloud extending across the region, to lower elevations in the southwest. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy cloud and sun, best toward Lothians. Visibility good.	Overcast and dull. Risk murky.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	0 to +2C. Wind chill feeling like -10C in morning, easing with time. 700m, lifting during daytime just above highest summits.	1 to 3C, rising from the south. Feeling colder if wind increases. Likely lifting above freezing to highest tops.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 13 February, 2024

A mixed week ahead as areas of low pressure rotate in from the southwest bringing spells of rain of hill snow and sometimes showers. Least precipitation typically for the Cairngorms. Higher pressure to the north of Scotland by midweek may then become more extensive for a time by next weekend, allowing some drier conditions. Wind speed and direction very variable, often west or southwesterly, but easterly for time during midweek for Scotland; lulls mixed with spells up to gale force on higher areas. Scottish mountains generally staying sub-zero, maintaining snow coverage widely here during the week ahead. High tops in England & Wales lifting above freezing point by midweek for a time.

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