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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 Thursday, 2 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 2 May, 2024

Gusty easterly winds, turbulent near and west of major summits. Very warm for western Scotland with strong sunshine. Fog banks for eastern and central Highlands tending to break up, but may linger for Borders. Mostly dry northern England and Eryri, but thundery rain for south and possibly mid-Wales.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Very gusty wind. Dry, sunny west. Fog and drizzle eastern hills.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 2 May, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 30mph to suddenly gusty 40-50mph around some tops, powerful gusts in passes and downslope to west.		
Effect of wind on you?	Widely very blustery, but expect sudden buffeting making walking arduous in places not just on higher terrain.		
How wet? (Precipitation and its	A little drizzle east, dry in west		
impact)	Fine drizzle if in cloud on eastern hills. Small chance of a shower forming in west in afternoon.		
Cloud on the hills?	Little west, foggy many eastern hills		
	Western areas largely clear, or patchy cloud soon dispersing. Toward and east of the M74, banks of low cloud will have come inland from the North Sea overnight, may persist with fog to some lower slopes all day furthest east. Some highest tops may try to poke out above the fog at times.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	80% west, 30% eastern hills.		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun and thin high cloud west, with very good visibility, perhaps slight haze; beware sunburn. Hazier or murkier toward east.		
How Cold? (at 750m)	6C eastern hills, to locally 10C in west. Feeling close to freezing directly in wind, locally sub-zero Cheviots.		
Freezing Level	Above the summits		

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 3 May	Saturday 4 May
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Easterly 15 to 25mph in morning, tending to ease out in the afternoon. Blustery conditions in the morning, but tending to ease out in the afternoon.	Direction and speed likely to vary, often low speeds for several hours. Becoming S-SW'ly, 15-20mph, local 25mph Cheviots. Mostly small, may become more blustery over tops with time.
How wet?	Risk of scattered heavy showers	Drizzle, risk busts of rain developing
(Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy drizzle eastern hills if in fog. Risk of a few heavy showers breaking out.	Drizzly in hill fog. Risk localised bursts of rain forming almost anywhere, may merge into more constant rain especially in afternoon, but locally varied.
Cloud on the hills?	Banks of cloud, best breaks in the west.	Extensive low cloud
	Banks of cloud will be focused across eastern areas, where they will tend to lift and break as day wears on. Best clearances will be hills west of the M74.	Blanket fog from mid-slopes upward much of the region, to some lower slopes near coasts in east, also near Solway. Highest bases toward northwest of Beattock. A possible late improvement from south.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% in the east, 70% in the west.	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast at times, but cloud thinning to reveal some patches of sunshine. Visibility good or very good.	Little if any weak sun. Hazy, risk widely murky.
How Cold? (at 750m)	7 to 10C, highest in the west.	6 to 8C.
	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 3 May, 2024

Slow-moving weather patterns continue into the Bank Holiday weekend as a weak zone of low pressure drifts over the British Isles. There will remain uncertainty of local day-to-day detail, but most likely the wind often light and temperatures generally mild, but less warm than midweek in western Scotland. Low cloud, drizzle and scattered bursts of rain moving from northern England on Friday into the Highlands by Saturday. Then Sunday into Monday, varied zones of heavy showers forming, locally thundery, but some places escaping often dry with broken cloud and sun. High pressure then tends to build from the west into midweek to bring a fair amount of dry weather.

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