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Southern Uplands

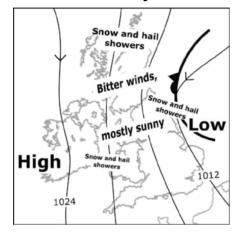
The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).



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General Summary for Thursday, 20 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 20 November, 2025

Staying cold as northerly winds continue, speeds starting to lessen gradually Scotland. Snow/hail showers in N Scotland, slowly fading. Showers also Cheviots, locally N/W Wales. Mostly sunny elsewhere. All terrain frozen; extensive snow cover over mountains, most substantial NW Highlands & Cairngorms.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Bitter gale force wind lessening. Sunshine, snow showers east.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 20 November, 2025

| How windy? (On the summits) | Northerly 35 to 40mph, up to 50mph Cheviots early morning, gradually lessening from west, into afternoon 25-35mph, remaining strongest eastern hills. | |
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| Effect of wind on you? | Challenging walking conditions, frequent buffeting, more difficult early in day higher eastern hills, easing from west with time; significant wind chill. | |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its | Locally frequent snow and hail showers east Snow and hail showers over the North Sea moving inland from the coast into the | |
| impact) | eastern Borders and Cheviots, likely most frequent from late morning into early afternoon. Otherwise generally dry. | |
| Cloud on the hills? | Mostly clear, patches east | |
| | Patchy cloud grazing higher slopes mostly around The Cheviot, locally more frequently filling in above 600m in showers. Many hills further west clear all day. | |
| Chance of cloud free summits? | 60% east, to 90% central-western areas | |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Sunshine frequent many areas, more cloud furthest east. Visibility mostly excellent, locally reduced if in showers, at times very poor Cheviots. | |
| How Cold? (at 750m) | -2C. Wind chill feeling like -15C in stronger speeds. | |
| Freezing Level | Terrain widely frozen from valleys upward, only partial thawing lowest sunlit slopes, up to 400-500m nearest coasts. | |

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Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

| | Friday 21 November | Saturday 22 November |
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| How windy? (On the summits) | West then southwesterly, strengthening during daytime 15 to 30mph, soonest Galloway; 40mph widely after dark. | West to southwesterly 20 to 25mph, occasional 30mph higher tops. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Expect increasingly blustery conditions, later more strenuous with buffeting in exposure, considerable wind chill. | Feeling noticeably breezy with marked wind chill; may start to affect ease of walking on highest exposed terrain. |
| How wet? | Little or no precipitation until after dark | Light showers |
| (Precipitation and its impact) | Most or all day likely dry. Later daytime, possible light snow or spots of rain near west coast. Into night, rain more widely, snow on higher terrain for a time. | Often dry, but occasional spots of light rain or brief light showers in west. Possibly remnants of overnight rain still to clear from Cheviots. Wet underfoot from overnight rain and snow melt. Rain may return into night. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Little if any | Fairly extensive, lifting variably |
| | Hills widely clear possibly all day. During afternoon, some patches may form on slopes nearer Solway coast. | Varied low cloud banks from dawn into morning, slowly lifting above 600m, with breaks forming best toward Lothians, but toward the Solway persists to 400-500m. |
| Chance of cloud free summits? | 80% | 30% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Sun through high cloud, tending to thicken, may become obscured in west. Visibility excellent, possible mist or haze in some valleys. | Rare glimpses of sun mostly north/east. Misty areas in morning, then visibility mostly good or locally becoming very good below cloud. |
| How Cold? (at 750m) | -1C, tending to rise from west to +1C, or slightly higher into night. In stronger wind feeling like -12C. | 2 or 3C. Feeling like -5C in exposure to wind. |
| Freezing Level | Much terrain frozen all day to lower slopes, but from west later tending to rise above freezing, after dark to higher elevations. | Above the summits, but higher terrain at least partly frozen. |

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 21 November, 2025

Winter conditions over the mountains - snow coverage to lower slopes in Scotland, snow and ice cover varied for England & Wales, but much terrain frozen; hard frost into inland valleys and glens into Friday. A front moving into Scotland from the west on Friday brings gales and snow, turning to rain lower down - arriving in England & Wales Friday evening-night. Less cold into the weekend, but higher mountains stay near or just below freezing, particularly Scotland; showers or locally more frequent upland snow over several days forward. Later next week looks at least briefly milder.

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