

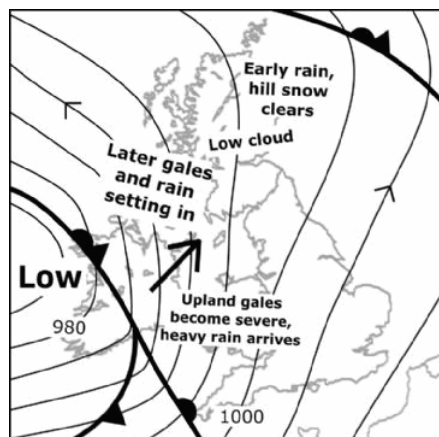
Southern Uplands

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, 5 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 5 December, 2025

South-southeasterly winds strengthen, reaching gale-force afternoon many areas, sooner Wales, here becoming severe. Some rain / hill snow NE Scotland fades, patchy rain west coasts, otherwise dry, then rain sweeps in from southwest later, snow inland mountains into evening. Best cloud breaks NW Scotland.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Wind increasing, gales later. A little rain west, sets in later.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 5 December, 2025

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| How windy? (On the summits) | Southerly a relative lull around dawn, but becoming 25-30mph morning, trending southeasterly and rising to 40-50mph west, further deteriorating after dark, widely 50-60mph. Then starting to drop further into night. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Comfortable walking becoming affecting during morning, increasingly strenuous in west into afternoon with buffeting gusts in exposure, deteriorating widely after dark. Significant wind chill developing. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Patchy rain, heavy rain later, during afternoon west Patchy morning rain, mostly in the west near Solway, isolated patches drift east, sleet higher tops inland. Rain arrives from the southwest afternoon, spreading widely and persistently into night with heavy falls. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Variable, often capping high tops High tops likely remain capped in cloud with banks often lowering across high slopes, or middle slopes in rain. May be more sheet-like for a time in the east. Cloud isolates to higher terrain for a few hours before arriving more widely from the west later. |
| Chance of cloud free summits? | 30% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | A bright sunrise north Borders/Lothians, soon overcast, high cloud thickening to cover the sky. Very good visibility, reducing as rain arrives. |
| How Cold? (at 750m) | 1C, rising a degree afternoon and continuing to rise overnight. Feeling like -10C in the wind, colder as speeds increase up to dusk. |
| Freezing Level | Variable between 600-800m. Rapidly rising after nightfall. |

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

| | Saturday 6 December | Sunday 7 December |
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| How windy? (On the summits) | Variable south to southeast 10 to 20mph, may turn southwesterly and increase a little near the Solway. | Very uncertain speeds: South turning southwesterly, 20 to 30mph, but risk increasing to 40mph+. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Mostly small | Expect blustery conditions, beware potential for more arduous conditions for much of the day. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Rain and drizzle Generally damp all day where in cloud, periods of rain likely on and off at least. Some showery rain possible near Solway Firth. | Rain may set in west Rain mostly western areas, risk setting in for steady or heavy rain for a few hours. Chance of only small patchy amounts. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Extensive low cloud Likely to blanket the hills all day, fairly extensive from mid-slopes upward, some varied banks of cloud to lower slopes. Some breaks may emerge toward the north. | Extensive Shrouding the hills widely, with banks of cloud from low to mid elevations upward, some breaks toward Lothians. |
| Chance of cloud free summits? | 10% | 20% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Sun unlikely, generally misty and dull. Local improvements may develop. | Generally cloudy and misty, poor visibility likely most hills, locally better toward the north. |
| How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level | 4C. Feeling sub-zero if exposed to stronger winds on hills. Above the summits. | 4 or 5C, fairly small variation with height. Feeling like -5C or possibly colder if exposed to stronger wind. Above the summits. |

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 6 December, 2025

Generally unsettled through the weekend and into next week with areas of low pressure circulating near to the British Isles. Day-to-day detail will be uncertain even in short-range as complex systems move around slowly - a series of frontal systems bringing spells of rain and some high-level snow, mixed with showers with hail mostly near western coasts. Temperatures often on the milder side compared to recently, with typically only higher tops in the Highlands intermittently just below freezing point, expect periods of thawing up to these tops. Wind speeds will also vary, often south to southwesterlies, at times reaching gale force on tops, but intermittent lulls.

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