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Southern Uplands

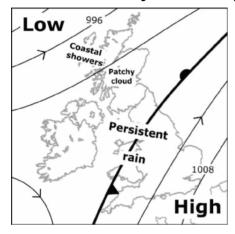
The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).





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General Summary for Monday, 15 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 15 December, 2025

A slow-moving area of rain affects England and Wales, heavy falls over south-facing hills, flooding likely. Drier for much of Scotland, though some showers affect the west coast; beware flooding after previous rain. Back just below freezing over higher Munros, some icy surfaces on tops.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Some rain east, largely dry, clearer west. Wind fairly light.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 15 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	A variable westerly 15-20mph, a lull for periods; locally gustier around dawn Cheviots.	
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional rain mostly east Patchy rain over the Cheviots, reaching the Borders occasionally. Largely dry toward and west of M74, odd light showers possible near Solway Wet underfoot from previous rain, flooding.	
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly east, variable caps to the west Cloud shrouds the Cheviot most of day, to middle slopes in rain. Cloud caps over summits will frequent south Galloway and the western Borders as well, though these variable, at times clearing.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	70% west, 30% east	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally cloudy, dull east, some brighter skies with a little sun furthest west. Good visibility out of cloud/rain, but poor especially eastern areas.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	3 or 4C, a degree warmer east, possibly 6C Cheviots around dawn.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits	

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Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 16 December	Wednesday 17 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	West to southwesterly 20 to 25mph. Noticeably breezy and feeling chilly over exposed higher terrain.	South-southwesterly 45 to 60mph, powerful gusts in places downslope to north of higher tops. Challenging conditions over exposed higher terrain, walking difficult in places, sudden buffeting to some mid-slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry Chance of an odd light shower mainly near to the Solway coast.	Rain most of day, heavy west Rain from before dawn in west, persistent and heavy much of day Dumfries & Galloway, extending eastwards, though patchier Borders. Later breaking into showers in west. Renewed flooding likely.
Cloud on the hills?	Patchy cloud mostly west Patchy cloud banks most common on hills toward the Solway, may come and go on slopes above 600m. Some local fog lower down in morning. More often clear hills toward the north and much of Borders.	Extensive Shrouding the hills widely all day, from mid-to-lower slopes western areas, but soon spreading east to all hills. Base may begin to rise in west later in day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine and thin high cloud. Visibility excellent out of cloud.	Overcast and murky. Better visibility Lothians to Borders if dry for a time.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C. Feeling like -6C directly in the wind.	1 or 2C rising during day to 5C. Feeling like -8 to -12C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above highest summits. Slight frost sheltered valleys in morning.	Above the summits, but close to very highest tops above 800m early in day.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 16 December, 2025

Prolonged rain will leave flooding of streams and rivers in many mountain areas early in the new week, with the exception of northeastern Scotland. As a front clears Monday into Tuesday it will drop to freezing above 900m, beware of ice forming on higher Scotlish mountains. Drier conditions for many on Tuesday, though showery near west coast of Scotland. By Wednesday, another system sweeps in from the Atlantic bringing further rain and gales. A risk of more heavy rain particularly England and Wales later in the week. A change of weather pattern is likely in the run up to Christmas, as high pressure builds northward, bringing drier weather, possibly chillier with time.

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