

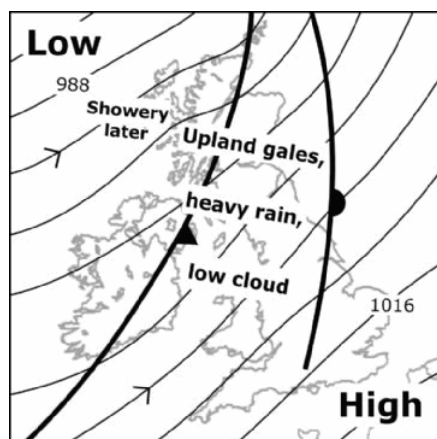
Southern Uplands

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 Wednesday, 17 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 December, 2025

Extensive gales across the hills. Rain preceded by early snow on higher terrain in the Highlands, lifting briefly above freezing to high tops. Showery bursts follow into western Scotland, heavy and frequent with hail later. England & Wales sees rain much of the day, spreading eastward, heavy at times.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Upland gales. Heavy rain, less north/east; low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 17 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	South-southwesterly 45 to 60mph, powerful gusts in places downslope to north of higher tops. Starting to lessen a little only toward or beyond dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions over exposed higher terrain, walking difficult in places, sudden buffeting to some mid-slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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. Very wet underfoot, streams in spate, renewed flooding likely Dumfries & Galloway.
Cloud on the hills?	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 up to dusk.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and murky. Better visibility Lothians to Borders if dry for a time.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1 or 2C rising during morning to 5C. Feeling like -8 to -12C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but from dawn close to very highest tops above 800m.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 18 December	Friday 19 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	South to southwesterly 30 to 50mph, speed likely to vary, possibly lessening further for a time during day. Changeable, but at times arduous walking conditions over exposed higher terrain, considerable wind chill.	Southwesterly 45 to 60mph, may start to lessen a little. Difficult conditions over higher hills, frequent buffeting from modest elevations upward. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain likely setting in afternoon Patchy showers mostly Galloway, but often dry for a few hours. Then heavy rain moving in from southwest during day, risk widely heavy afternoon. Breaking up into showery rain and hail (snow high tops) evening into night.	Passing showers Scattering of showers, most frequent Dumfries and Galloway, risk of hail. Often dry Borders.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied, becoming extensive Patchy cloud around some hills, mainly near Solway. Elsewhere may be clearer, but cloud lowering over hills widely in rain.	Occasionally on tops Patches of cloud drifting across higher tops, mostly above 700-800m. Often clear into the Borders and Pentland hills.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40% dropping below 10%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, varied layers of high cloud, but visibility good where dry, best in north; reducing if rain develops.	Sunshine most frequent east, cloudier Galloway. Visibility often very good, reduced in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	3 or 4C, then lowering near 0C into night. Wind chill feeling as cold as -10C on tops. Above the summits, then dropping into the night toward 800m or just above.	2 or 3C. Feeling like -12C directly in the wind. Just above highest summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 18 December, 2025

South-southwesterly winds widely remain gale force over the mountains later this week and through into Saturday, severe upland gales for periods. More heavy rain for England and Wales on Thursday, further flooding expected; rain spreads north into Scotland, falling as snow on Munros. Showery by Friday, most frequent in western Scotland with hail, also snow over tops. Another belt of persistent rain likely arrives from the west into Saturday, snow only highest Scottish tops. A switch to east-southeasterly winds by Sunday into early next week, some residual rain and high-level snow, but a drier theme develops and favouring chillier conditions into the Christmas period.

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