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Southern Uplands

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

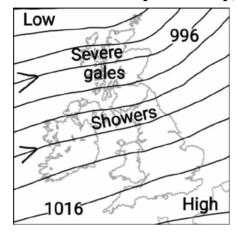




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General Summary for Friday, 19 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 19 December, 2025

Southwesterly gales, severe across the Highlands, giving significant wind chill and showers. Showers frequent western Scotland, with snow falling down to 800m with hail and risk lightning. Scattered showers for England and Wales where hill fog confined to western tops.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Widespread gales with scattered showers and feeling cold. Sun best in the east.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 19 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 45 to 60mph, may start to lessen a little.	
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult conditions over higher hills, frequent buffeting from modest elevations upward. Significant wind chill.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Passing showers Scattering of showers, most frequent Dumfries and Galloway, risk of hail. Often dry Borders.	
Cloud on the hills?	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?	60%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine most frequent east, cloudier Galloway. Visibility often very good, reduced in showers.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	2 or 3C. Feeling like -12C directly in the wind.	
Freezing Level	Just above highest summits.	

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Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 20 December	Sunday 21 December
How windy? (On the summits)	South to south-easterly 20 to 30mph, but perhaps 40mph westernmost hills for a time.	Easterly 20 to 30mph
Effect of wind on you?	A very blustery and gusty airflow, arduous towards west coast especially, with considerable buffeting and wind chill.	Blustery and gusty winds, with sudden, strong gusts running downslope from ridges and passes. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and drizzle mostly in west	Patchy rain, perhaps persistent later.
	As a front edges in from the west, rain and drizzle will likely become fairly widespread across hills near and west of the M74. Little if any in the east.	Patches of rain through the day. May be very little for a few hours, before there is a risk of a batch of more persistent rain moving up from the south in the afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive in the west	Fairly extensive
	Cloud covering the hills fairly extensive across hills near and west of the M74. Mainly just occasional caps of cloud over tops elsewhere.	Fairly extensive banks of cloud covering the hills through the day. Lowest bases across the Cheviots up to the Pentlands and also hills nearest the Solway.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% west, 70% east.	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A little weak sun possible should cloud layers thin, mostly likely in the east. Visibility good or very good, but poor in any rain. General haze west coast.	Extensively dull. Visibility perhaps good at times, but marked haze and poor when in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	3 or 4C	Around 2C
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 20 December, 2025

A switch to east-southeasterly winds by Sunday into early next week, some residual rain and high-level snow, but a drier and colder theme develops into the Christmas period and perhaps into the New Year, as high pressure builds to the north and northeast. An extensive cloud sheet will likely come in from the North Sea over many days with light snow showers or flurries likely, rain to lower slopes, but many areas dry. Best breaks in the west.

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