

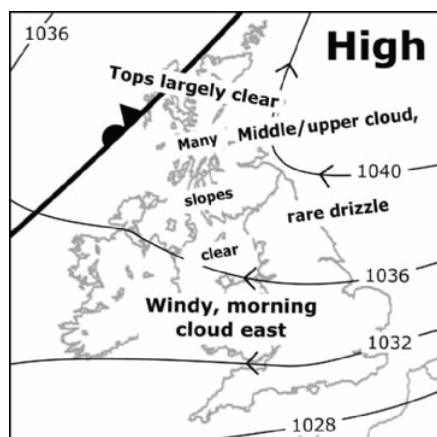
Southern Uplands

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, 24 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 24 December, 2025

Patchy cloud on middle and high slopes of central and east Scottish Highlands, clearer west and north; high summits clear too. Most cloud in England stays east of the Pennines, little west including Lakeland where isolated to summits. Gusty wind in Wales, risk gales south; early cloud in the east will break.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Some cloud and rare drizzle east, mostly clear west

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 24 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 15-20mph, occasionally bending southeasterly, notably in the west. Speeds occasionally reaching 25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, though at times feeling uncomfortable in exposure.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Substantially dry Small chance of some odd spots of drizzly rain in the east early in the day, soon fading to just nuisance drizzle on eastern Cheviots, if any; most hills entirely dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly high terrain east, increasingly broken westward Cloud banks often covering high terrain of the Cheviots, lowest bases to 600-700m on southeastern aspects. Increasingly broken westward, perhaps only fleeting patches on high Galloway summits.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40% east, 70% west
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Intermittent or frequent sunshine west, more patchy east, the least sun near the east coast. Very good visibility, some haze east.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or +1C.
Freezing Level	Around 800m in the east, above the summits west. Into nighttime, may start to reach freezing on middle or lower slopes where skies are clearest.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 25 December	Friday 26 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	East-southeasterly 20-25mph, gusty in exposure. Stronger on slopes nearest to the Solway later, gusting 35mph. Comfort of walking affected in exposure with some buffeting, becoming strenuous later in the west; feeling chilly.	Easterly 20 to 25mph, gusty around some higher slopes. Blustery over many exposed tops, in places sudden gusty spots feeling more noticeable and colder.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Most hills dry Some fine drizzle where in cloud around the Cheviot, may linger for much of the day.	Precipitation rare if any Chance of brief snow grains locally on eastern hills.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly high terrain east, little west Banks of cloud come and go over the high tops of the eastern Borders and Cheviots (perhaps more persistently capping the Cheviot), only fleeting patches west of the M74, many Ayrshire hills clear.	Mostly higher eastern hills Cloud banks coming in from the east may persist across higher slopes in Borders and Cheviots, base around 600m. Cloud more broken toward M74, more often clear further westwards.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40% east to 70% west	40% east, to 80% west
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy east, increasingly broken towards the west and improving afternoon. Excellent visibility.	Fairly cloudy all day east, dull but visibility good below cloud. Sunshine best in Galloway, excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-1 or 0C, locally warming a degree where sunny. Feeling like -8C in direct wind. 600-700m, some variability; poorly defined towards Ayrshire due to milder downslope winds, lowering here overnight.	0C, small variation with height. Near freezing all elevations from dawn, terrain staying frozen out of sunlight, but lifting just above freezing some slopes.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 25 December, 2025

Christmas Day will be dry: easterly winds are dominant, strongest in England and Wales and most cloud east of the high tops: may be fairly sheet-like sometimes, though variably more extensive or broken, best of sun breaks in western areas. Turning cooler too, the coldest air in England and Wales with freezing levels reaching as low as 300-600m in east Wales, though poorly defined.

High pressure stays put to the north into the weekend, maintaining dry weather, easterly winds, and mixed cloud and sunshine, most of the cloud in eastern areas. Temperatures will be variable, becoming milder for a time in England and Wales, with poorly defined freezing levels.

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