

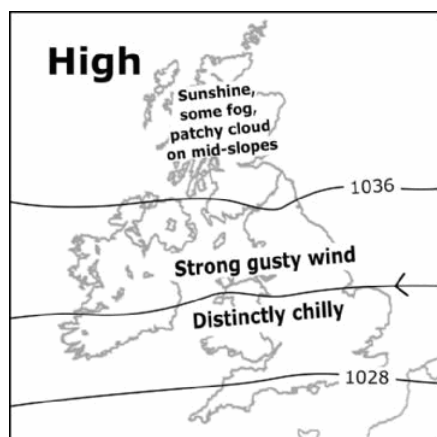
Southern Uplands

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, 26 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 26 December, 2025

Generally dry for all areas, sunshine over most Scottish mountains - tops warmer than glens above an inversion; patchy low-level fog or cloud banks some slopes. Easterly winds remain strong and gusty England and Wales, feeling bitterly cold in exposure despite plenty of sun.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Gusty wind, chilly. Cloud mostly east, sunnier west.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 26 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 20 to 25mph, gusty around some higher slopes.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery over many exposed tops, in places sudden gusty spots feeling more noticeable and colder.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation rare if any Chance of brief snow grains locally on eastern tops, occasional drizzly spots lower hills toward North Sea. Dry all day most places.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly higher eastern hills Cloud banks coming in from the east grazing across higher slopes in Borders and Cheviots, base around 600-700m. Cloud more broken toward M74, largely clear further westwards.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50% east, to above 90% west
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy all day east, dull but visibility good below cloud. Sunshine best in Galloway, excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0C, small variation with height. Feeling like -7C directly in the stronger wind.
Freezing Level	Near freezing all elevations from dawn, terrain staying frozen out of sunlight, but lifting just above freezing many slopes.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 27 December	Sunday 28 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Easterly 25 to 30mph, stronger gusts around some slopes, particularly just west of higher tops. Starting to affect comfortable walking in exposure, sudden buffeting gusts in places; considerable wind chill.	Easterly 10-15mph, locally less. Small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	A little light rain east Occasional spots of light rain Pentland hills to Cheviots, snow grains higher slopes, locally more frequent, but total amounts small. Largely dry central and western areas.	Dry all day
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Mostly higher tops and in east Cloud banks mostly above 700m and in eastern areas, may be frequent over higher Cheviot slopes; patchier westwards. 40% Cheviots, to 70% west of M74.	Capping some eastern tops Thin banks of cloud mostly eastern areas above 700m. Patchier toward and west of M74, largely clear Galloway hills. 90% west, to 50% east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rather cloudy eastern areas, some breaks with sun in the west. Visibility very good, some haze east.	Sunniest in Galloway, partly cloudy eastwards, often cloudy nearer North Sea. Visibility excellent, though duller east.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	1 or 2C, small variation with height in morning; may rise slightly higher Galloway. Feeling like -8C in stronger wind. Some terrain partly frozen; close to freezing some upper slopes and patchy slight frost in sheltered valleys in morning.	0C, slightly warmer on highest summits if above an inversion. Near freezing above 600m, also frost in some valleys, all day out of sunlight.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 27 December, 2025

Dry weather continues into the weekend as a strong area of high pressure resides near or north of Scotland. Inversion conditions Scottish mountains, high tops generally above freezing and above most patchy cloud, some frost and fog in glens. Gusty east-northeasterly wind increasing for Scotland by Saturday, easing again for Sunday. Strong and gusty winds prevail for England and Wales, often cloudy, a little light rain occasionally Pennines; some sun toward west. Next week generally sees lower temperatures on high terrain, sub-zero over most mountains through New Year. Small amounts of precipitation, occasional showers or snow flurries, winds north or northwesterly.

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