

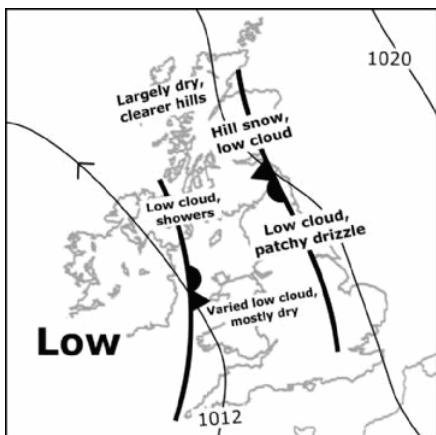
Southern Uplands

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 Saturday, 17 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 January, 2026

A slow-moving area of snowfall in central-eastern Highlands, may be often patchy and light, but risk locally more persistent, low cloud extensive. Clearer northwest coasts of Scotland. Low cloud much of northern England, some early rain and hill snow. Drier for Wales with varied low cloud. Light-moderate SE'ly winds.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Low cloud, drizzly rain. Moderate breeze.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 17 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 15 to 20mph, in places 25mph higher tops, gusty around summits and in places just downslope.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but a marked chill where exposed to the strongest breeze.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Areas of drizzle, light snow tops Patchy drizzle or light rain, snow on higher terrain from dawn into the morning, tending to fade, but leaving areas of drizzle, particularly Dumfries & Galloway, but possibly more widely for a few hours.
Cloud on the hills?	Low cloud many hills, local breaks Varied amounts of low cloud. Focused across hills east of the M74 and also hills nearest the Solway, from 300-400m up. Best breaks generally northwards.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10% south, 30% north.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy with mist and murk focused east of the M74 and toward Solway. Marked haze.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1 or 2C. Feeling like -5C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Near freezing over higher tops above 600-700m, terrain partly frozen.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 18 January	Monday 19 January
How windy? (On the summits)	South to southeasterly 20 to 25mph, risk gusty 30mph around higher western tops.	Southeasterly 15 to 20mph, gusty 25mph in places around some high tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery in exposure on tops, may affect ease of walking in places, giving marked wind chill.	Small effect on walking, but noticeable chill on higher terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Mostly dry, showers far west Local patchy rain over Galloway hills, snow grains on higher slopes, odd flurries, toward the far west a few showers may run in from the Irish Sea. Later in day, risk light rain moves into Cheviots from the south.	A little rain Patchy rain, may fall as sleet on higher slopes, amounts generally small.
Cloud on the hills?	Covering most hills Fairly extensive low cloud from mid-slopes upward, locally lower on southern slopes nearer the Solway, covering many hills all day. Some breaks toward the north.	Extensive, lowest south Low cloud shrouding the hills widely, from low to mid-slopes upward especially in southern areas. Some higher bases and local breaks toward the north.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mainly Pentlands. Largely overcast, dull, misty to many mid-levels or some lower slopes.	Rare if any weak sun. Generally dull, misty across hills, hazy lower down, especially south.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C. Feeling like -7C directly in the wind.	1 or 2C. Feeling like -5 to -8C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Near to freezing on higher slopes, high terrain at least partly frozen.	Just above freezing on most high tops, but terrain partly frozen.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 18 January, 2026**

A slow-moving weather pattern onward into early next week with chilly air in place across the British Isles, mountains staying near to freezing point in Scotland, typically just above freezing to high tops in England and Wales for a few days. Some weak fronts try to push in from the west bringing occasional rain and hill snow, amounts generally small. High pressure around Scandinavia is likely to dominate the patterns into the later stages of January, with colder air trying to push in from the east, much mountain terrain will be frozen. Occasional snow likely, generally driest in the northwest.

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