

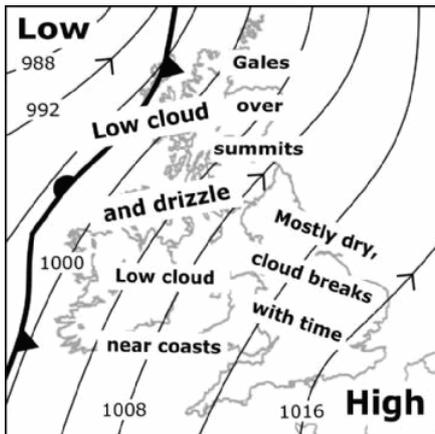
# Southern Uplands

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 Tuesday, 24 February, 2026



**British Mountain Summary:  
Based on forecast chart for noon 24 February, 2026**

Widely windy, gales over high terrain and more widely Scottish Highlands. Most rain in northwest Scotland with extensive coastal cloud, some drizzle on other high northwestern terrain with low cloud, most persistent on south/west aspects. Largely dry central and east areas, early low cloud, sun breaks with time.

**Headline for Southern Uplands**

Very windy; most cloud and drizzle near and west of M74

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 24 February, 2026

<p><b>How windy? (On the summits)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>Southwesterly 35 to 40mph, notable gusts over summits and downslopes to the north. Also quite strong near the Solway and Cheviot with strongest gusts approaching 45mph+.</p> <p><b>Strenuous walking, becoming arduous over higher exposed terrain, frequent buffeting making stability a challenge. Considerable wind chill despite milder air.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b></p>	<p><b>Drizzle in cloud towards west</b></p> <p>Drizzle often affecting high and southern slopes of Dumfries and Galloway, eastward to the high Moffat hills, some patchy rain here early in the day possible. If any, only patchy drizzle in the wind reaching Cheviots/Lothians.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p> <p><b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b></p>	<p><b>Extensive west, higher bases and some breaks east</b></p> <p>Shrouding the hills above 400-500m in west, locally lower on slopes near Solway. Higher bases to 600m or above Cheviots to Pentlands. A chance of some breaks towards eastern summits, increasing with time, though may stay capped by fog.</p> <p><b>10% west, 30% east/north.</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b></p>	<p>Largely cloudy, murky western areas up to Moffat hills and also hazy. Some brighter skies with sun through high cloud north toward Lothians where visibility good.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>4 or 5C most of the day, mildest temperatures near the Lothians and Cheviots, where may rise to 6C later.</p> <p>In exposure to wind, feeling like -6 to -8C.</p> <p>Above all summits.</p>

## Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 25 February	Thursday 26 February
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly 30-40mph, strong gusts likely including downslope to the northeast.	Southwesterly 35-45mph. A risk of speeds reaching 50mph for periods in the afternoon.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Strenuous-to-arduous walking with considerable wind chill likely all day. Buffeting gusts often challenge stability.</b>	<b>Strenuous-to-arduous walking all day, most powerful wind requiring bracing/crouching for stability; significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Most rain Borders and Galloway</b> Often raining from M74 westward, setting in persistently in south Galloway and towards Moffat hills. Further east, rain lighter and patchier, though a rising risk towards the Cheviot with time. Lothians likely dry.	<b>Pulses of rain</b> Bands of rain will sweep west-to-east through the day. Between pulses, eastern mountains will be dry; western hills will see some spotty light rain, most likely south Galloway to Moffat hills.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Fairly extensive</b>  Cloud shrouds the Galloway hills eastward to the Moffat hills extensively, often to the lower slopes. Cloud more variable east of the high Borders hills, some breaks towards upper Lothians, but summits likely stay in the cloud.	<b>Most extensive west, some variability</b>  High terrain of Galloway and the Borders near the M74 will often be in cloud, bases down to middle slopes during rain, or lower slopes towards Solway. Higher bases with some summit breaks east, though more extensive here in rain too.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20% west, to 40% east</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	A few brighter periods towards the Lothians, otherwise overcast and dull. Good visibility east where out of cloud, often poor to the west.	Some bright moments during breaks in rain, best chance of sun north/east. Very good visibility out of rain/fog.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	6C. Feeling like -5 to -8C in the wind.	3 or 4C, some variability, may lower to 2C for a few hours around midday. Feeling like -10 to -12C in direct wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 25 February, 2026

West to southwesterly winds prevail from mid-week into the weekend as areas of low pressure move toward northwest Scotland; regular rainfall here, most frequent and heavy over western mountains. Bands of rain from the west also affecting England and Wales. Milder temperatures from mid-week with freezing levels above all summits for a few days, substantial thawing to the summits in England and Wales, some high slope thawing in Scotland too. Extensive gales, only a brief easing on Wednesday, then soon unsettled again with cooler temperatures returning, showery west with bands of rain passing east, some snow on Scottish Munros. Some drier, brighter weather is possible over the weekend, though interruptions by bands of rain are likely with low confidence in detail.

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