

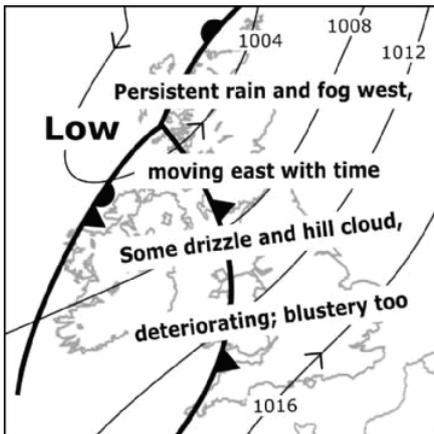
Southern Uplands

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, 25 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 25 February, 2026

Mild for the time of year; freezing levels above all summits, snow still lying on high Munros but continuing to thaw to the summits. Windy, strongest near Irish Sea and south Scotland with buffeting gusts. Rain and extensive hill cloud in west Scotland, passing east and into England and Wales with time.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Rain and fog soon extensive west, pushing east; blustery

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 25 February, 2026

<p>How windy? (On the summits)</p>	<p>Southwesterly 30-40mph, strong gusts likely including downslope to the northeast.</p>
<p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Strenuous-to-arduous walking with considerable wind chill in exposure. Buffeting gusts often challenge stability, including to some middle slopes.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Most rain Borders and Galloway, pushing east with time Rain setting in west of M74 through the morning, most persistent in south Galloway and towards Moffat hills. Further east, rain lighter and patchier, perhaps dry for several morning hours, though a rising risk of rain reaching the Cheviots with time. Only spots in the wind reach the Lothians.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p>	<p>Fairly extensive Cloud soon shrouds the Galloway hills eastward to the Moffat hills extensively, often to the lower slopes. Cloud more variable east of the high Borders hills, a few breaks towards the summit of the Cheviot are possible in the morning, but cloud increasingly extensive here too as rain pushes east.</p>
<p>Chance of cloud free summits?</p>	<p>20%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>A few brighter periods towards the Lothians in the morning, otherwise overcast and dull. Good visibility east where out of cloud, often poor to the west.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 750m)</p>	<p>5 or 6C, always mildest on slopes to the north and west. Temperatures begin to drop around or after dusk, likely several degrees lower overnight. Feeling like -5 to -7C in the wind.</p>
<p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>Above the summits.</p>

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 26 February	Friday 27 February
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 35-45mph. Strengthening for several hours at least, speeds around 45-55mph. Strenuous-to-arduous walking all day, most powerful wind requiring bracing/crouching for stability; significant wind chill.	Highly uncertain: variable speed and direction possible, though a trend towards strengthening westerlies, to 35mph+. Uncertain, variable conditions: effects may be small for several hours but a deteriorating trend likely.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Pulses of rain 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.	Patchy rain A chance of patchy rain across the region, though many hills will see dry periods. Risk of a broader area of rain moving through, but confidence is low.
Cloud on the hills?	Most extensive west, some variability 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.	Mostly high terrain Fairly extensive above 600m in the morning, ragged lower patches too from rain. A lifting trend, some breaks possible too, but with a risk of returning extensively again if rain returns.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20% west, to 40% east	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Some bright moments during breaks in rain, best chance of sun north/east. Very good visibility out of rain/fog.	Mostly cloudy, best chance of brighter moments later. Very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	4 or 5C. Feeling like -10 to -12C in direct wind. Above the summits.	+2C from dawn, a lowering trend but timing uncertain, reaching 0C by night. Feeling like -10C if strongest wind occurs. Above the summits to start, may lower to 700-800m during daylight, more certainly lowering into night.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 26 February, 2026

Thursday will be windy with a swathe of rain affecting all areas at some point. A low pressure core is likely to affect the country on Friday, but detail is highly uncertain: there is a risk of rain and strong wind for central and southern areas, a general cooling trend. Snow returning to the Scottish Highlands, the snowfall level lowering into nighttime. A fast-moving ridge of high pressure leads into Saturday, then a return to west-southwesterly wind with bands of rain passing west to east through the weekend into the following week.

Mixed conditions are indicated in the following week, with low and high pressure competing for dominance: freezing levels will vary, high Scottish terrain often at or below freezing, the level occasionally lifting to and above tops.

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