

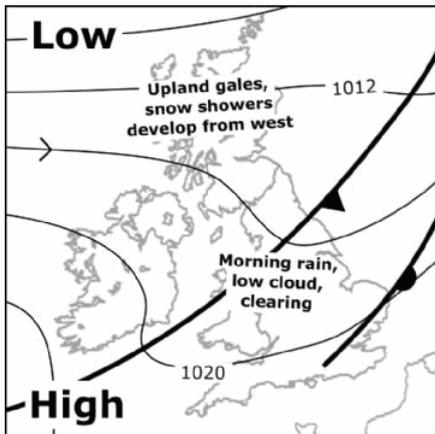
Southern Uplands

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, 27 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 27 March, 2026

Wind strengthens across Scottish mountains to gale-force, significant chill factor. A dry morning central-eastern Highlands, but snow showers in the west develop widely and become heavier with hail. Early rain clears southeastward over England, cloud lifts and breaks; slower to improve southward across Wales.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Increasingly windy, near-gales later. Often dry, a few showers develop.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 27 March, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 20-25mph; briefly over 30mph up to dawn Cheviots. Strengthening from west with time, into afternoon 30-35mph, soonest west and northern areas, late in day 40mph on high tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking impeded in exposure, a deteriorating trend, becoming strenuous late in the day and increasingly considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Afternoon showers, mostly west, snow tops Overnight rain leaves some patchy rain around the Solway and Cheviots up to dawn, soon clearing. Dry for several hours, then showers begin affecting western areas, snow above 500m, well-scattered further east; later also hail.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly clear, occasional banks on high terrain At dawn, patchy cloud on some slopes, but mostly dispersing to leave the hills then largely clear. Banks grazing high terrain during afternoon showers; eastern hills often stay clear.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Rising to 80% east, 50% west
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny early after high cloud clears southeast; then patchwork of cloud & sun. Very good visibility, but reduced briefly in showers, slight haze in west.
How Cold? (at 750m)	At dawn, 3C east, to 1C west. Soon 1 or 2C widely, then 0 or -1C later in day. Where exposed to wind, feeling like -5C, to -10C as speed increases afternoon.
Freezing Level	At dawn, around 800m in west, but elsewhere above the summits. Lowering to 700-800m widely from west afternoon.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 28 March	Sunday 29 March
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly 35 to 45mph, squally gusts. A brief lessening by evening, then increasing again overnight. Strenuous walking over the hills, frequent buffeting affecting balance. Significant wind chill.	Southwesterly 50-65mph with stronger gusts dawn into morning, then westerly 40-50mph midday-afternoon, squally gusts. Severe conditions for a time, remaining difficult on high terrain, mobility challenging in exposure. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Hail and snow showers Scattered showers, most common in Galloway in the morning, extending eastwards, mostly brief hail, snow falling in morning to some lower elevations, with time mostly rain below 600m.	Heavy rain, then showery A swathe of rain moving in from west from dawn, possible sleet or brief snow on tops. A more intense band moving southeastwards morning into middle of day. Then showery rain on and off.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied mostly over western tops Patchy cloud capping higher slopes mostly toward the west in the morning, lifting increasingly above the tops by middle of the day.	Extensive, then lifting with breaks Covering the hills widely during rain, for several hours from 500-600m upward, lowest west of M74. Then rising in afternoon with breaks to tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40% rising to 80%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of cloud and sun, best in east in morning. Visibility often very good, but reduced at times to briefly very poor in showers.	Bursts of sun develop into afternoon. Visibility very poor in rain, then changing quickly in and out of showers, intermittently very good.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-1C rising to +1 or 2C afternoon. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C. 600-700m in morning, plus frost in sheltered valleys around dawn, rising just above freezing to highest tops afternoon.	2 or 3C. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C. Rising from before dawn to be above freezing to the tops. May start to drop back toward highest summits late in day.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 28 March, 2026**

Changeable westerlies prevail onward into early next week, continuing gales over most high terrain. Below freezing on Scottish mountains above 700-800m into Monday with snow showers; higher freezing level further south, above the tops in Wales with mostly drizzly rain here. Milder air lifts above freezing to all tops into Tuesday with low cloud, drizzle and rain, most persistent west-northwest Scotland. Mixed conditions likely continue, but some windows of better weather mid-late in the week - temperatures vary above and just below freezing on Scottish tops. Potential for cold conditions again early April, but drier conditions possibly more common by then.

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