

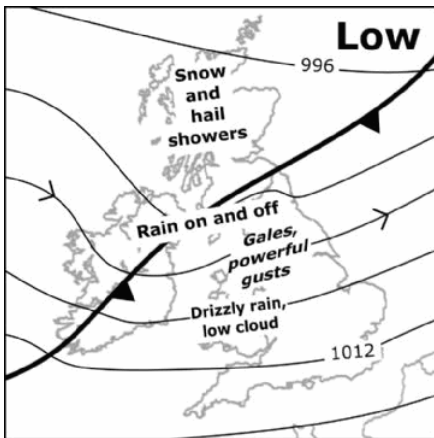
# Southern Uplands

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, 3 April, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 3 April, 2026**

Cold with showery snow in the Highlands, also hail in north. Varied winds, blustery in northern Scotland, moderating for a time central Highlands. In England & Wales, a swathe of gales likely affects the mountains, but still some uncertainty about the northward extent; rain and drizzle, plus low cloud covering many hills.

### Headline for Southern Uplands

Breezy, chilly. Periods of rain, low cloud.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 3 April, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	West-southwesterly, gales up to dawn in east will drop, then typically in range 20 to 30mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Blustery with marked wind chill in exposure, in places affecting comfortable walking on tops, though at times the effects fairly small.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Rain on and off, some heavy</b> Pulses of rain extending west-to-east across the region, some more persistent falls over south and western areas, occasional heavier bursts mixed in, chance of setting in for more sustained rain; sleet or snow on highest tops.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Varied, risk fairly extensive</b> Covering the hills much of the day above 600-700m, filling in to 500m or lower during rain, in places to lower elevations for a time. Local breaks generally best toward east and north.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Largely cloudy, some brighter skies and glimpses of sun mainly toward east. Mixed visibility, often poor in rain, particularly west, but occasionally good.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	+3C at dawn east, cooling from the west, variable between 0 to +2C. Feeling like -8C in direct wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits, lowering from west afternoon to 700-800m, though likely staying above tops eastern areas.

## Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	<b>Saturday 4 April</b>	<b>Sunday 5 April</b>
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Soon southerly, briefly below 20mph early in day, but rapid increase to 40-60mph afternoon, soonest west, 70mph+ later. <b>Small early in day, but deteriorating significantly during daytime - with time any mobility increasingly difficult.</b>	Severe gales overnight lessen up to dawn, but still near 60mph at first in east, then westerly 35 to 50mph, dropping with time. <b>Frequent buffeting, walking arduous over higher terrain, some gradual improvement. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain developing, setting in</b> Dry start, for most of morning Lothians to Cheviots. Patchy rain developing in west, briefly may be snow on tops. Increasingly persistent rain sets in from southwest, heaviest Dumfries and Galloway.	<b>Showery hail and snow</b> Generally showery, heavy bursts with hail, and snow to some lower elevations early in day, becoming mostly rain or hail below 500m with time. Showers fading toward evening.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Lowering extensively</b> Patchy cloud mostly around southern slopes in the morning, many hills clear for a few hours. Increasingly lowering across the hills as rain develops, filling in to lower elevations near Solway.	<b>Varying, breaks above tops</b> Patchy cloud drifting over higher slopes, most often in western areas above 700m, briefly lower in showers. More often clearing eastwards.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>60% dropping to 10%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Any weak sun in morning soon giving way to overcast skies. Visibility very good at first, for several hours east/north, then reducing to be poor.	Bursts of bright sunshine and very good visibility, but very poor in showers.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b> <b>Freezing Level</b>	-1C rising to +3C afternoon, then dropping to again into night. Feeling like -10C or below as wind strengthens. Frost in sheltered valleys at dawn, 600m by mid-morning, rising above the tops, then back to 600-700m into night.	-2C rising to +1C afternoon. Feeling like -12 to -15C in the wind. 500m from dawn, rising to 800m or just above during afternoon.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 4 April, 2026**

A storm system moves across Britain over the Easter weekend, bringing severe conditions increasingly widely - severe gales over the mountains advancing northwards into Scotland by later Saturday daytime. Rain and hill snow also sweeps northward - a substantial snowfall develops particularly in northern Scotland later Saturday. Colder for all by Sunday with all mountains sub-zero, above 600-700m in Scotland, 800m in England and Wales - hail and snow showers with gales bringing severe chill factor. Milder southerlies develop for Monday, dry for most, but risk of gales especially in the west. A changeable weather regime is expected to continue next week, possibly turning chillier again later in the week.

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