

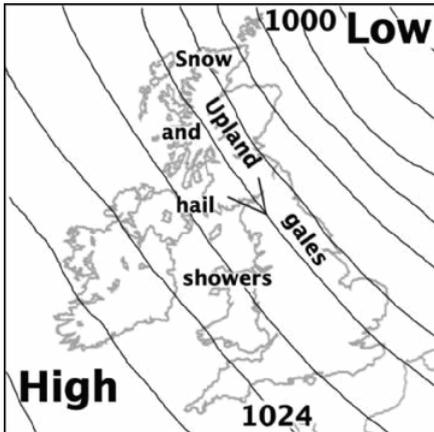
# West Highlands

Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area include Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, includes Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Includes Arran and Mull.



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## General Summary for Friday, 8 December, 2017



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 8 December, 2017**

Widespread upland northwesterly gales will bring bitterly cold air to all mountain areas. Snow will be frequent many western mountains and in northern Scotland. Elsewhere, only a few flurries.

Nearly all terrain will be frozen, although not lower slopes in Wales.

### Headline for West Highlands

Upland gales or severe gales. Frequent snow and hail. Terrain frozen.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 8 December, 2017

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Northwesterly 45 to 50mph, strongest near precipitation, when sudden gusts toward 60mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking widely difficult across the hills. Sudden gusts on lower slopes near precipitation.</b> <b>Severe wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Frequent snow and hail; risk lightning</b> Frequent or very frequent often heavy and squally snow and hail showers. Continual accumulation of snow (both by day and night), concentrated coastal mountains. Whiteout frequent. Thunder in places. Only a few snow showers or flurries Loch Lomond NP and central highlands.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Varying rapidly, to lower slopes in snow</b> Rapid changes in cloud base; from glimpses toward higher tops between showers to frequently cloud to a few hundred metres in snow. Cloud will often clear higher tops central highlands and Loch Lomond NP where cloud rare below 900m.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20% but 60% central highlands/Loch Lomond NP.</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Glimpses of sun between snow showers, although widely toward central belt and central highlands. Visibility often appalling due to snow and cloud but often excellent central highlands/Loch Lomond NP.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-7C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Almost all terrain frozen from valleys or just above valleys up.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	<b>Saturday 9 December</b>	<b>Sunday 10 December</b>
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Northwesterly 25-35mph, strongest Lochaber/Creag Meagaidh. Will slowly drop: 20mph coastal hills afternoon.  <b>Widespread buffeting on higher areas, particularly near showers.</b> <b>Significant wind chill.</b>	North or northeasterly 15mph or less.  <b>Negligible</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Frequent snow showers</b> Snow showers will continue throughout the day - resulting in periods of whiteout. However, few showers, sometimes only flurries Loch Lomond NP and perhaps Arran.	<b>Precipitation unlikely</b> Isolated, if any, snow showers or flurries.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Intermittently shrouding higher areas</b>  Continually changing cloud base: near showers, shafts of cloud from a few hundred metres up, but between showers breaks to higher summits - perhaps extensive Loch Lomond NP and Arran.  <b>30%</b>	<b>Summits extensively free of cloud</b>  Apart from fragments persisting here and there, mainly corries, many summits will be free of cloud.  <b>70%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Bursts of bright sunshine. The air very clear - but sudden appalling visibility in snow and cloud.	Areas of bright sunshine. Excellent or superb visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-6C  Almost all terrain frozen. Only slight thawing lowest sunlit slopes and northwest facing coastal slopes.	-6C  Terrain frozen from valleys up.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 9 December, 2017**

Cold throughout the next 10 days, although across mainly Wales, incursions of warmer air will bring freeze thaw cycles to higher areas. Elsewhere, upland areas substantially frozen. Centres of low pressure will track across Britain bringing bouts of sustained upland snowfall (although not all areas will get these). Between, often fine with clear air and light winds.

**Forecast issued at 12:14 on Thursday, 7 December, 2017**

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