

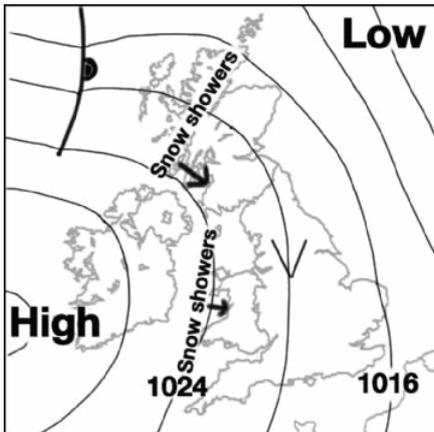
# West Highlands

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 Thursday, 25 November, 2021



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 25 November, 2021**

A cold, windy but fine day on summits along most of the spine of Britain and also South Wales. However, snow showers will affect the NW Highlands and increasingly from the west other summits in W Scotland, and west Wales will later become prone to showers.

### Headline for West Highlands

Snow showers initially mostly coastal hills. Upland wind near gale force.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 25 November, 2021

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Northwest backing westerly; 30 to 35mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking widely arduous on higher areas and wind chill significant.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Snow showers. Heavier snow after dark.</b> Succession of snow and hail showers, in morning mostly near the coast, although slowly will penetrate inland. Nevertheless, little or no precipitation all day central highlands and Loch Lomond NP. Mostly rain lowest slopes. Persistent snow for a few hours after dark.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive, particularly afternoon west.</b> Typical cloud base between 500m near showers & mostly 750m near the coast, whilst well inland 650 to 1000m. By afternoon, breaks, particularly central highlands and eastern Loch Lomond NP above 1050m. Near the coast, cloud later increasingly filling in above 450m - the low cloud gradually extending inland.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20% western summits to 60% central highlands/east Loch Lomond NP</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sunshine, mainly well inland. The air very clear, but abruptly very poor visibility in precipitation.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-4C. Due to wind chill, will feel as cold as minus 16 Celsius directly in the wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	450m. However, frost some glens and lower slopes, mostly morning.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 26 November	Saturday 27 November
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Northwesterly 45mph. Abruptly from north in afternoon 70 to in gusts 100mph or more in hurricane force winds. <b>Severe wind chill and very difficult walking conditions at best. Abruptly any mobility later tortuous - even on lower slopes.</b>	Northerly 40 to 50mph; particularly gusty near showers. From west will tend to ease toward 30 to 40mph. <b>Upland gales will result in significant wind chill and frequent considerable buffeting on higher areas; at times any mobility difficult.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Snow, sometimes heavy.</b> Snow, intermittently heavy giving whiteout, especially more western hills. Hail and risk thunder. Some breaks in the precipitation, extensively so Loch Lomond NP. Rain only lowest, mainly coastal slopes.	<b>Frequent snow, mainly Lochaber</b> Snow showers, mainly Mull and Lochaber, where frequently appalling visibility in whiteout or near whiteout. Few showers Loch Lomond NP; often only flurries.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Very extensive</b>  Cloud shrouding the hills, sometimes from lower slopes when base 200 to 400m near precipitation, lowest near the coast. Fleeting breaks to 700m central highlands and south of Rannoch Moor, perhaps more widely to 900m toward central belt.	<b>Extensively covering higher areas</b>  Lochaber and Mull: Rapidly varying cloud bases: abruptly below 600m near precipitation but breaks to 1000m occasionally higher. Elsewhere: Occasionally cloud below 700m but often cloud base 1050m.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare glimpses of sun only. Visibility often appalling or near zero, although at times good - particularly toward Loch Lomond NP. Rapid changes in visibility.	Bursts of sunshine, although sunnier Loch Lomond NP. Hazy; visibility appalling at times particularly higher up Lochaber and Mull.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-1C dropping to -3C	-4C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	750m dropping from north to 500m.	450m

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 26 November, 2021**

On Friday and Saturday, the Scottish Highlands will bear the brunt of cold, stormy conditions with considerable snowfall (especially Cairngorms NP).

There may well be a lull on Sunday as winds drop and most areas are temporarily dry (possibly snow edging onto some western mountains). Next week, precipitation frequent, with further bouts of upland gales or severe gales. Temperature levels will vary: a series of freeze thaw cycles Scottish Highlands, whilst elsewhere higher tops only occasionally below freezing point.

**Forecast issued at 12:42 on Wednesday, 24 November, 2021**

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