

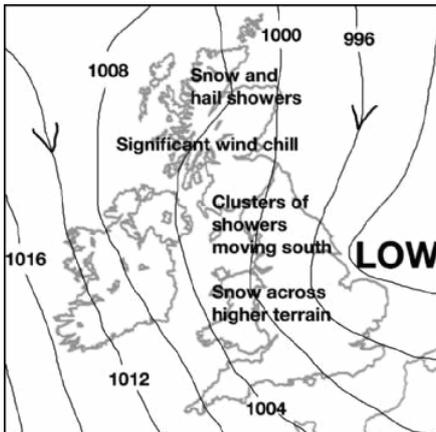
West Highlands

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 Wednesday, 1 December, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 1 December, 2021

Strong northwesterly winds will bring colder conditions to all areas once again with clusters of showers moving south across the country through the day, snow falling to lower slopes increasingly through the day but mainly higher slopes in Wales. Cloud frequently covering higher tops.

Headline for West Highlands

Clusters of snow showers with hill fog from dawn. Becoming mostly dry afternoon.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 1 December, 2021

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| How windy? (On the Munros) | North to northwesterly, 25 to 40mph, suddenly gusty in showers. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Frequent considerable buffeting, at times arduous conditions. Significant wind chill. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Occasional snow, mostly in morning. Clusters of showers will run down from the north from dawn, will give frequent precipitation for a few hours. Mostly hail or snow, rain lower slopes nearest coast. Chance of isolated thunder. Showers mostly fizzling out by afternoon. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Fairly extensive at first, then lifting to higher tops. Cloud bases varied, but for a few hours in the morning fairly extensive above 600-800m. Then into the afternoon, bases lifting to become mostly confined above 800 to 1000m with some higher breaks; most widely southern areas in the afternoon |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | 30% in morning, lifting to 70% afternoon |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Occasional sun, perhaps fairly extensive in the south in the afternoon. Visibility often very good, but suddenly very poor in showers. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | -2C lowering through day to -4C. Will feel closer to -15C or below in direct exposure to strongest winds. |
| Freezing Level | Around 600m, or higher near coast; but by later afternoon onward dropping to freezing from lowest slopes upward. |

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

| | Thursday 2 December | Friday 3 December |
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| How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you? | Northerly 20 to 30mph at dawn, will soon ease to become westerly 10 to 20mph. Will strengthen west coast by evening. Will impede walking higher slopes for a time in morning with considerable wind chill, becoming small by afternoon. | West to northwest around 25mph at dawn, will soon ease to around 10mph to 20mph. Marked wind chill around dawn, but soon becoming mostly small. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Mostly dry, snow later arriving west coast. Mostly dry, but risk of a few snow flurries for a time. Toward dusk, conditions will deteriorate as snow spreads in from the west. | Drizzly showers, snow higher terrain. The legacy of a front, that will have given some transient snow overnight, will give a little rain/snow at dawn before clearing to a few drizzly showers, snow higher terrain. |
| Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros? | Rare patches tops. Later extensive. A few patches here and there across tops above 900-1200m, but in the main hills widely clear. Toward dusk, as snow develops, becoming widely extensive. | Extensive, but lifting to higher slopes. Extensive cloud cover across the hills, through the morning down to lower slopes. However, will tend to lift to higher slopes into the afternoon. 20% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Periods of sunshine, most extensive in the south. Visibility excellent, but later very poor in snow. | Generally overcast, perhaps a little sun here and there. Murky morning, then becoming mostly good into the afternoon. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level | -4C, may lift to -2C near west coast later. Terrain widely frozen after widespread frost at dawn. | 0 to -2C 700-900m; highest in morning. |

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 2 December, 2021**

North or northwesterly winds will dominate through the rest of the week - most mountains frequently sub-zero onward into the weekend, at times to lower slopes. Some variation of freezing level, mainly toward western coasts and brief tongues of less cold air may move across Wales, perhaps the south Pennines. Frequent precipitation, mostly snow on the mountains, sometimes heavy showers with hail. Winds varied, but often strong, gales or severe upland gales at times.

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