

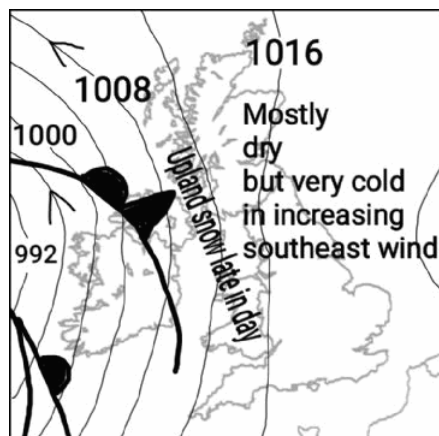
# West Highlands

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



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## General Summary for Wednesday, 6 December, 2023



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 6 December, 2023

After a hard frost, mostly dry and bright, but feeling increasingly bitterly cold as southeasterly winds strengthen and cloud thicken through the day ahead of a front, which will bring and increasing risk of upland snowfall, in across western mountains toward evening, and then spreading to all parts overnight.

### Headline for West Highlands

Bitter chill in strengthening southeast winds. Snow setting in after dusk.

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 6 December, 2023

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southeasterly, strengthening through day from 20-30mph after dawn to 35 to perhaps 45mph before dusk.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking increasingly difficult, in places on lower slopes, and feeling bitterly cold as wind chill becomes significant.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Risk snow spreading northeast</b> Very likely dry all morning and probably all day. Nevertheless, slowly increasing threat of patchy snow initially near the coast - then more widely deteriorating with widespread snow after dark.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Banks on higher areas; highest cloud base and breaks Lochaber.</b> Generally persistent cloud above around 600m central highlands, Arran and Loch Lomond NP. May sometimes lower to 450m. Elsewhere, most cloud above 750-900m and clearing summits near and west of Loch Linnhe. <b>20% in the south to 60% in the north</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine from time to time, mainly near and west of Loch Linnhe. Visibility excellent although increasingly hazy.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-3C. Will feel as cold as minus 17C directly in the wind.  Almost all terrain frozen.



**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 7 December, 2023**

Unsettled conditions will prevail over the next week to 10 days, with periods of upland gales or severe gales with precipitation frequent, mostly rain, although intermittently snow Scottish Highlands, more rarely elsewhere. Driest conditions (relative to the average) will likely be in the northwest Highlands, given the often backed flow, as the low pressure areas track in.

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