

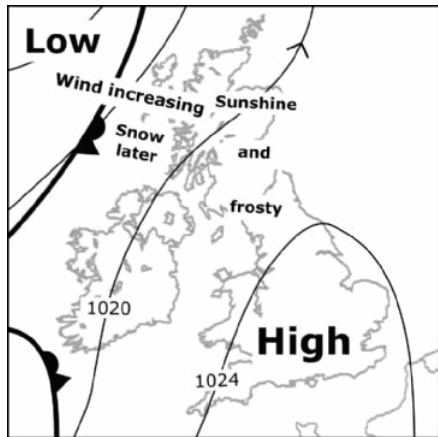
# West Highlands

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 Tuesday, 3 December, 2024



### British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 3 December, 2024

Bright but cold, terrain widely frozen from valleys upward. Dry many areas all daylight, but in western Scotland by afternoon, rain and hill snow arriving - snow more widespread into evening, turning wetter from the west. Southerly winds strengthening, gales coastal mountains western Scotland.

### Headline for West Highlands

Upland gales into afternoon; snow arriving later, rain coasts.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 3 December, 2024

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southerly, strengthening during the daytime, soonest near Mull - 20 to 40mph, reaching 50mph tops in Lochaber later afternoon, more widely from sunset. Turning southwest then westerly 30-40mph into night.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Generally deteriorating, starting fairly small, but walking becoming arduous, increasingly difficult on exposed high terrain; significant wind chill developing.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Snow moving in from west from dusk</b> Dry morning, very likely dry all daylight well inland. In afternoon, snow moving in from the west, initially flurries; from dusk more persistent, extending inland, turning wet on low-mid slopes, or higher up near coast and on islands. Fading to leave rain showers near coast into night.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Very little; developing, lowering later</b> Fragments around some slopes, but many mountains clear all of daylight. Patches forming more readily on south-facing coastal hills, may fill in further with time; lowering to become extensive into evening.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>80%, later 30% coasts</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun weakening as layers of high cloud thicken from west, then overcast. Visibility excellent, becoming hazier west, very poor later in snow. Some early fog in glens.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-4C rising to -2C, nearer 0C coasts & islands; rising widely to +1C into night. Wind chill -10 to -15C as speeds increase.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Most terrain frozen, hard frost inland glens at dawn; lifting to 500m coasts, or higher up to dusk, then variably toward 1000m or above all areas into night.

**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 4 December, 2024**

Tuesday night sees a fresh covering of snow on higher terrain, particularly Scottish Highlands, but also tops in northern England. Largely dry and chilly for Wednesday daytime, but rapidly changing again later as southerly gales develop from the west. Milder into Wednesday night and early Thursday with rain and thawing to upper slopes. A generally unsettled pattern onward into the weekend, with low pressure dominant, bringing fluctuating temperatures, gales and periods of rain and hill snow. Indications favour much colder northerly air returning widely during the weekend, with snow returning to many hills. Quieter weather then likely into mid December with frost, fog and inversions.

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