

West Highlands

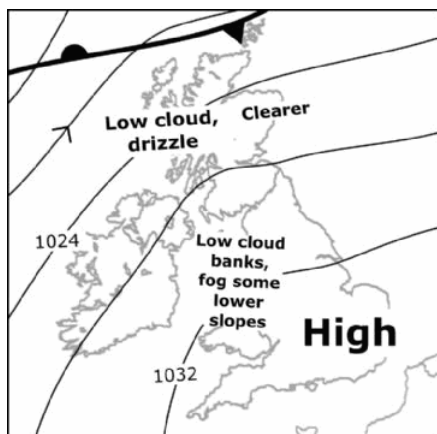
Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area includes Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, from Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Also Arran and Mull.



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General Summary for Friday, 17 January, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 January, 2025

Windy over Scottish mountains, gales particularly toward north in morning; powerful gusts to some lower elevations. Gusty too for northern England & west Wales. Low cloud and drizzly rain for western Scotland; cloud shrouding most tops in the Highlands. Higher summits in England & Wales may poke out above cloud layer.

Headline for West Highlands

Gales lessening, turbulent gusts. Low cloud, areas of drizzle.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 17 January, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 40 to 55mph early morning, strongest in Lochaber. Wind easing slightly into middle of day to around 35mph Ben Nevis to Mull, and 25mph further south and well inland.
Effect of wind on you?	Mobility difficult where exposed to the full strength of the wind early in the day. Powerful downslope gusts may blow you over. Significant wind chill. Moderating with time, but still blustery.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and drizzle on and off Lochaber Rain and drizzle on and off through the day, most often around Lochaber. Will be most persistent near the west coast with only a little reaching Creag Meagaidh and the Central Highlands.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Cloud will shroud summits from lower slopes up near the west coast. Cloud base rising progressively to the east and on Creag Meagaidh will be around 600m. Local breaks may form into southern Loch Lomond NP with time.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare if any glimpses of sun. Very poor visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5C, small variation of temperature with height above 600m. Feeling like -5C in the wind, nearer -10C some higher slopes early in day.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 18 January, 2025

Slow changes in the days ahead as high pressure to the southeast slowly fades and allows weak fronts to make inroads from the west. Small amounts of precipitation until later next week - patchy drizzle in places, locally snow flurries developing as temperature falls slowly. South to southeasterly winds prevailing, locally very gusty, bringing areas of low cloud or fog - at times higher slopes clear above the cloud. Sunniest overall toward north of major hill groups. Deeper areas of low pressure over the Atlantic are expected toward late January, bringing a risk of more frequent precipitation and periods of gales or possibly stormy winds at times; fluctuating temperatures and freeze-thaw cycles.

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