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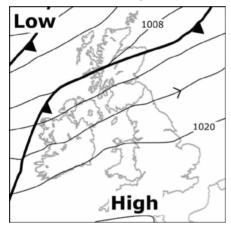
## **West Highlands**

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 Thursday, 27 March, 2025



# British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 27 March, 2025

Widespread upland severe gales and rain across Scotland - although breaks in the rain some eastern and far northern areas (sometimes snow higher tops far north). South into England and Wales, less windy, particularly morning and away from hills open to the sea to the southwest, very little if any rain.

#### **Headline for West Highlands**

Upland severe gales. Widely incessant rain.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 27 March, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 45 to 55mph, particularly afternoon when 60mph higher mountains.	
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking, balance often affected on exposed tops and ridges, frequent buffeting. Significant wind chill.	
How wet?	Rain; rarely ceasing most of region	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Rain, often heavy, most or all day, although some breaks (and generally less heavy) mainly near Lochs Treig and Ossian, and north of Glen Spean.	
Cloud on the hills?	Blanket fog across the mountains	
	Covering most mountains all day, widely below 450m coastal summits (including Loch Etive and into Glen Etive), and elsewhere up to 650m.  Highest cloud base near Lochs Treig and Ossian, and north of Glen Spean, where up to 900 or occasionally 1000m.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Almost nil	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine not expected; visibility widely poor.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	2C. Feeling like -12C where exposed to the wind.	
Freezing Level	1200m.	

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#### West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 28 March	Saturday 29 March
How windy? (On the Munros)  Effect of wind on you?	Westerly 35 to 45mph, squally near showers. Generally least wind on lower summits near Loch Lomond and Arran.  Significant wind chill. Frequent buffeting, especially near precipitation where walking often difficult.	Increasingly windy after a morning lull - westerly around 25mph. Into afternoon southwest 35 to perhaps Lochaber 50mph. Anticipate walking becoming very difficult and wind chill significant, particularly Lochaber into afternoon.
How wet?	Frequent hail and snow, risk lightning	Increasingly wet
(Precipitation and its impact)	Hail and snow showers all day, isolated thunder. Precipitation mostly rain below 500m.	Most or all morning: Risk of a few showers. Middle of day onwards: Increasingly wet, particularly Lochaber and Mull where rain rarely ceasing. Expect snow above 800 to later 1100m.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied cloud base; sometimes clearing to higher tops well inland.	Extensive; especially western areas
	Cloud base changing rapidly, but rarely clearing above 800m (650m near the coast and perhaps 1000m central highlands), but patches below 450m near precipitation.	Breaks to 800 to 1000m particularly well inland by late morning.  Then deteriorating as near the coast and Loch Lomond NP in rain cloud fills in across the hills whilst elsewhere most cloud remains above 600-750m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief bursts of sun, mainly well inland. Hazy and visibility very poor or appalling in precipitation.	Little or no sunshine. Excellent visibility before becoming poor in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 or -1C. Will feel as cold as minus 14C directly in the wind.	0C rising to 2C. Will feel as cold as minus 11C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	800 to 900m.	900m rising to 1200m or above.

### **Planning Outlook**

#### All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 28 March, 2025

Frequently windy with intermittent rain (or widely snow and hail showers on Friday) until early next week. Pressure is then likely to build markedly over and east of Britain, bringing the return of dry and sometimes warm and sunny weather for much of next week.

#### Forecast issued at 14:34 on Wednesday, 26 March, 2025

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