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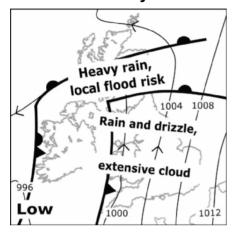
# **West Highlands**

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 Wednesday, 5 November, 2025



# British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 5 November, 2025

Extensive heavy rain advances north over the Highlands; the far northwest driest for longest. Rain for England and Wales tends to ease but leaves drizzle; expect flooding. Blanket low cloud most mountains, better NW Scotland. Wind varied in Scotland, stronger southerlies England & Wales. Generally mild.

### **Headline for West Highlands**

Rain, often heavy south, low cloud. Increasingly gusty.

# Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 5 November, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	East or southeasterly 15 to 25mph, least wind in Lochaber early morning, but becoming gustier, in places over 30mph coastal areas and around Ben Nevis with time. Locally 35-40mph near Arran later.	
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but some gustier slopes may start to affect balance at times.	
How wet?	Rain most of the day, heaviest south	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Persistent rain soon extending north across the region from dawn - north Lochaber may be drier for an hour or so. Prolonged heavier rain particularly Loch Lomond NP. Gradually starting to fade from south late afternoon, but only by dusk most areas, leaving drizzle. Very wet underfoot, streams increasingly in spate again.	
Cloud on the hills?	Soon widespread and low	
	Low cloud will blanket the hills in fog, down to the very lowest slopes across southern ranges and up the west coast. Some higher bases and local breaks at first near/north & west of Ben Nevis group.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	
Sunshine?	Overcast.	
Air clarity (below cloud)	Visibility soon widely poor due to rain.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 to 8C. In the stronger winds, feeling near or later below freezing.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits	

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#### West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 6 November	Friday 7 November
How windy? (On the Munros)  Effect of wind on you?	Southerly 25 to 35mph  Blustery, perhaps at times arduous over higher terrain. Marked chill where exposed to the wind.	South-southwesterly 20-30mph. Highest speeds on coastal slopes, may be slightly higher Arran to Islay.  Walking becoming impeded on high ground, though at times fairly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and drizzle	Rain on-and-off near coast
	Patches of drizzle on and off through the day, perhaps some frequent or steadier rain may remain more prolonged especially in western areas.	Bursts of rain drifting onto coastal slopes, extended dry periods between bursts. Inland mountains likely substantially dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive	Variable, at times extensive
	Within a humid atmosphere, cloud banks will cover hills widely, but to varying levels. Scope for inland Lochaber hills to see breaks, perhaps between cloud layers.	Fairly extensive from dawn with fog locally into the glens. Fog may be mostly below high terrain north of Glencoe at first. Bases will rise somewhat with some breaks forming, though variably filling in too around rain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly overcast.	Some glimpses of sun north in the morning, turning overcast.
	Visibility rather hazy, and poor in drizzle.	Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	8C. Feeling close to freezing directly in the wind.	6 or 7C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

# **Planning Outlook**

#### All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 6 November, 2025

South to southwesterly winds and weather fronts pushing in from the Atlantic this week will continue to bring mild and frequently wet conditions - rain most common on western mountains with extensive low cloud, lowest on south-facing coastal hills. Meanwhile, north and northeast Scotland will generally see very little rain and higher cloud breaks. Some windows of drier weather more widely, an indication of improvement over the coming weekend, but timing of the driest weather and least wind is somewhat uncertain at this stage. Toward mid-November favours higher pressure becoming established with time, possible E-SE'ly winds developing, offering better weather in the west.

#### Forecast issued at 15:33 on Tuesday, 4 November, 2025

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