

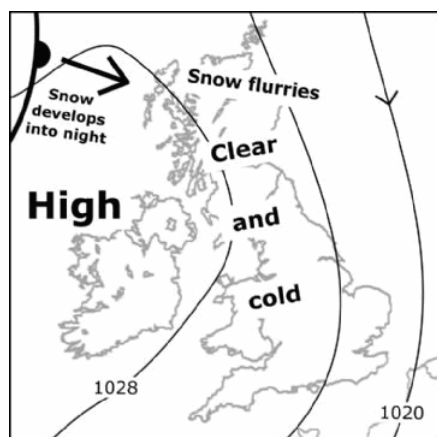
West Highlands

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 Monday, 17 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 November, 2025

Cold everywhere, staying sub-zero over high terrain, plus some frost lower down in morning; considerable chill factor if exposed to wind, but speeds tending to lessen all areas. Largely dry, local snow flurries moving in northern Scotland. Some patchy cloud mostly northern half of the Highlands, sunnier elsewhere.

Headline for West Highlands

Moderate breeze. Patchy cloud and sun, best south.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 17 November, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northerly shifting northwesterly 15-20mph, occasionally 25mph high tops in Lochaber in morning. Trending lighter from the west afternoon, but rising again into evening to reach 25mph, occasional 30mph into night. Fairly small, though walking at times affected in exposure early. A notable chill in exposure.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Brief snow flurries north Mostly brief flurries coastal areas north from Mull, occasionally reaching northern Lochaber. Otherwise generally dry. Well into night, snow develops from west, sleet or rain on lower coastal slopes.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Patches some northern hills Cloud comes and goes around 900m or above on coastal slopes north of Mull, occasionally near Creag Meagaidh as well. Becoming more frequent north Lochaber from dusk. Southern inland areas likely cloud-free all day. 80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny south, some patchy cloud in the north, then high cloud building from west later. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-3C (to -6C on highest tops). Feeling as cold as -10C in direct wind, nearer -15C at times highest summits. 600-700m, highest near the coast. Frost widespread into the glens in morning.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 18 November	Wednesday 19 November
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Uncertain detail: generally westerly around 15-30mph though variable; trending northerly and stronger later. Effects may be fairly small at times but beware sudden strengthening speeds and direction changes.	Northerly 30 to 40mph, squally gusts locally in showers. At times challenging walking conditions on higher exposed terrain, significant wind chill, severe in places higher up.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Often snowing Showery snow inland merging into a more widespread area of snow for several hours. Showers will likely fall as rain along the coast, particularly on the southern islands.	Snow and hail showers mostly coasts Snow and hail showers mostly toward coastal mountains, risk frequent in places, chance of isolated lightning. A few showers may come into Lochaber at times from the north. More often dry central highlands. Snow lying into glens.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Likely extensive, some variability Most hills shrouded above 500-600m all day, perhaps lower in the north during heavier snowfalls. Bases may locally rise with breaks towards high terrain in southern coastal areas. 10%	Patches higher tops, mostly coasts Banks of cloud most frequent over coastal slopes, varied above 600-900m in and out of showers. Inland, often above 900m with breaks higher up. Further south, patchier cloud, often breaking above many tops inland. 50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast with near-zero visibility during periods of snow which may be extensive and prolonged. Chance of bright breaks in the south.	Sunshine best inland around Loch Lomond NP, bursts of sun elsewhere. Visibility excellent, but suddenly very poor in showers.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	Detail uncertain: -2C, warmer southern islands, up to 1C, perhaps briefly 1C southern inland areas too. Widely frozen inland at dawn. Rising to 400-500m, nearer 800m along the coast, higher in the south.	-4C. Wind chill feeling like -15 to -20C. Most terrain frozen from glens upward, freezing level lifting up to 400-500m near coast and on islands.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 18 November, 2025**

A cold week ahead, staying below freezing across all mountains, much terrain will be frozen from valleys upward. An area of low pressure and associated fronts will pass southeastward during Tuesday, bringing some persistent snowfalls, including to lower slopes particularly inland across the Highlands, some substantial accumulations over higher terrain. Strong to gale force northerlies Wednesday-Thursday, bringing snow and hail showers focused on northern Scotland and onto north-facing coastal districts elsewhere. By Friday into next weekend, winds shift back westerly and freezing levels rise to upper slopes - some rain likely, snow on high tops at times.

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