

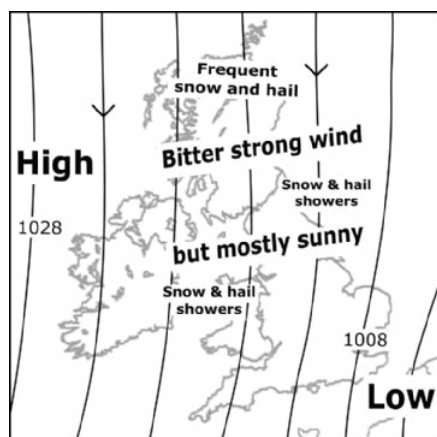
West Highlands

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, 19 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 19 November, 2025

Strong to gale-force northerly winds; severe chill factor on the mountains. Terrain widely frozen with fresh snow cover. Snow and hail showers frequent in the northern Highlands. Showers also north/west Wales. From the central Highlands into northern England, generally dry with sunshine and very clear air.

Headline for West Highlands

Bitterly cold; wind up to gale force. Mostly sunny, local snow/hail.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 19 November, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 30 to 40mph, strongest sustained Ben Nevis group, squally gusts locally in showers near coast.
Effect of wind on you?	Often challenging walking conditions on exposed terrain, difficult on higher tops; significant wind chill, severe in places higher up.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow and hail showers mostly coasts Snow and hail showers mostly toward coastal mountains, frequent near Mull; chance of isolated lightning. A few showers may come into Lochaber at times from the north. More often dry central highlands and much of Loch Lomond NP. Snow lying into glens.
Cloud on the hills?	Patches higher tops, mostly coasts Banks of cloud most frequent coastal slopes near Mull, 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.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50%, to 70% inland Loch Lomond NP.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine best inland around Loch Lomond NP, bursts of sun elsewhere. Visibility excellent, but suddenly very poor in showers.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-4 or -5C (to -8C on higher summits). Wind chill feeling like -15C, to often -20C higher tops.
Freezing Level	Most terrain frozen from glens upward, freezing level lifting up to 400-500m near coast and on islands.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 20 November	Friday 21 November
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northerly 25 to 40mph, strongest in morning; dropping lighter from dusk into evening. Challenging walking on higher terrain early in day, significant wind chill; gradually improving, but blustery most of daytime.	West then southwesterly, strengthening during daytime - some uncertainty of timing - to 35-50mph, strongest Lochaber. Expect conditions to deteriorate, to give strenuous walking, difficult higher mountains, significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry, local snow showers A few snow and hail showers continuing to run down west coast, mainly areas near Mull, tending to fade out. Some snow flurries also into Creag Meagaidh area, but largely dry many places all day.	Snow becoming rain from west Snow likely to push increasingly inland, becoming persistent. Increasingly rain to higher elevations in coastal areas, may set in heavy. Turning to rain higher up inland later.
Cloud on the hills?	Patches higher tops mostly north Some patchy cloud drifting over higher slopes, mostly Ben Nevis group to Creag Meagaidh, also toward Mull. Further south, many mountains often clear.	Patchy, then more extensive Prior to snow/rain, just patchy cloud on various slopes, clearer areas inland. With time, cloud lowering and filling in across the hills, soonest coasts/islands.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60% N/E Lochaber, to 90% south	60% dropping to 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine best across southern mountains, bursts of sun elsewhere. Visibility mostly excellent.	Any weak early sun soon obscured by thickening high cloud, becoming overcast. Visibility may start excellent, but reducing to poor in rain, very poor in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-4C (to -6 or -7C Ben Nevis top). Wind chill feeling like -15C, to -20C early in day high tops. Terrain frozen from glens upward, partial thawing only lowest sunlit slopes, up to 500m coastal slopes.	-2C, rising from west to +1C, or slightly higher near coast later. In stronger wind feeling like -15C. Terrain frozen inland to lower slopes, but a gradual rise of freezing level toward 800m, or higher later; most rapid west coast.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 20 November, 2025

Prepare for winter conditions - snow covering many mountains to lower slopes in Scotland, snow and ice cover varied for England & Wales, but much terrain frozen; hard frosts into inland valleys and glens the next couple of nights. Continuing strong northerlies into Thursday, showery snow and hail gradually fading from northwest Scotland. A front moving into Scotland from the west on Friday brings gales and snow, turning to rain lower down - in England & Wales more likely develops Friday evening-night. Less cold into the weekend, but higher mountains stay near or just below freezing, particularly Scotland; showers or locally more frequent upland snow over several days forward.

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