

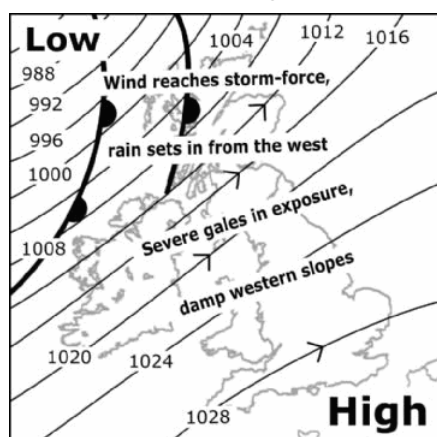
# West Highlands

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 Saturday, 13 December, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 13 December, 2025

Increasingly severe conditions Scottish Highlands: gusty storm-force winds on high terrain and becoming wet from the west. Gales in England and Wales, severe from Snowdonia towards Lakeland/north Pennines; drizzly rain on western slopes, patches drifting east. Driest south Pennines.

### Headline for West Highlands

Deteriorating to severe conditions; increasingly wet

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 13 December, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southwesterly 40-50mph, strongest north, soon strengthening, 65-80mph afternoon, stronger gusts over high northern summits reaching up to 90mph for a period.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Conditions soon challenging from mid-elevations upward, increasingly any mobility difficult and turning severe afternoon with violent gusts highest tops. Severe wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Persistent rain developing, locally heavy</b> Starting as patchy rain, most frequent Mull/Glencoe and northward, initially snow flurries on high inland tops. Rain arrives from the west around midday, spreading east and setting in widely, increasingly heavy falls with time in the west.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Becoming extensive, lowering</b> Varied banks of cloud mostly on western slopes early in day, but increasingly filling in and lowering, becoming blanket fog from lower slopes upward near the coast, cloud to middle slopes inland.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>40% soon lowering to 10%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Some weak sun through high cloud early, turning overcast and increasingly dull west. Hazy, visibility turning poor as rain sets in.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	0 or 1C from dawn rising steadily to later reach 5C, little change with added height. Rising another degree or two into night and varying. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C later in the day.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	1000-1100m up to dawn, gradually rising, above the summits afternoon.

**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 14 December, 2025**

A brief spell of drier-brighter weather on Tuesday, but otherwise staying unsettled into next week as southwesterly winds prevail and low pressure systems pass to the northwest of Scotland; sustained gales over the mountains, severe or stormy for periods. Bands of rain will regularly pass eastward across most areas, showery in the west between wetter spells with hail at times. Expect very wet ground conditions and further flooding of streams and some rivers. Mild for the time of year, temperatures only just below freezing intermittently on higher Scottish tops, even here will experience spells above freezing with thawing, any lying snow patchy, but beware some icy surfaces on the very highest tops where some refreezing occurs. Detail becomes very uncertain after next weekend though temperatures likely to drop.

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