

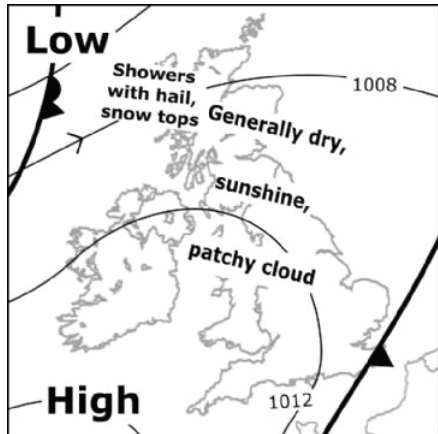
West Highlands

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 Tuesday, 16 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 16 December, 2025

Showery in western Scotland, with hail, snow on higher mountains; fewer showers eastwards, more sun and higher cloud breaks. Strongest winds in NW Highlands, up to gale force tops. England and Wales largely dry and bright, patchy cloud western tops.

Headline for West Highlands

Windy particularly toward NW. Showers with hail.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 16 December, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 25 to 35mph, strongest in Lochaber out to Mull, tending to increase a little during daytime, squally gusts in showers. Strengthening onward into night to gales, beyond midnight reaching 60-70mph. Blustery and starting to affect comfortable walking and balance on exposed higher terrain, considerable wind chill. Deteriorating into night.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery coasts near Mull, snow and hail Showers most frequent toward coasts and on islands, falling as snow above 800-900m, also hail, chance isolated lightning mainly near Mull. Some showers moving inland, less east of Ben Nevis. Fewer showers toward Arran.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Varied, some breaks inland Often capping coastal tops, base varying in and out of showers, mostly 700 to 900m, brief lower patches. Inland often above 900m, with higher breaks in Lochaber. Some lower fog banks in south in morning. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun. Visibility often very good out of cloud, but intermittently poor in showers.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	0 to 1C. Feeling like -10C directly in the wind. 900 to 1000m, beware icy surfaces on tops. Slight frost inland glens in morning.

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 17 December, 2025

An unsettled southwesterly weather pattern continues mid-late this week. On Wednesday, another system sweeps in from the Atlantic bringing further rain and gales. Showery conditions then persist in western Scotland, with hail and snow on high tops. Scottish mountains often near or below freezing above 900m, only brief thawing higher up. Meanwhile, England and Wales stay mild midweek with more heavy rain likely into Thursday, then lowering to freezing on high tops for periods from Friday. A change of weather pattern is likely in the run up to Christmas, as high pressure builds northward, bringing drier weather, fog and frost more common.

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