

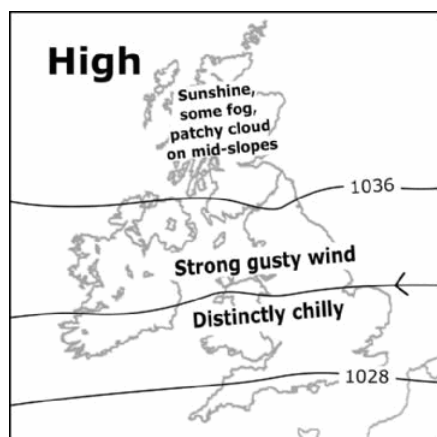
West Highlands

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 Friday, 26 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 26 December, 2025

Generally dry, apart from chance of odd light showers eastern Scotland. Sunshine over most Scottish mountains - the tops warmer than glens above an inversion; patchy low-level fog or cloud banks some slopes. Easterly winds remain strong and gusty England and Wales, feeling bitterly cold in exposure despite plenty of sun.

Headline for West Highlands

Sunshine, patchy cloud and gustier toward south.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 26 December, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 10 to 20mph, occasionally 25mph in southern areas from Loch Lomond to Arran, gusty in places, tending to increase a little during daytime.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small in Lochaber, but feeling blustery and colder further south, some uncomfortable gusty spots.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Dry all day
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly clear west, patchy cloud inland some slopes Patchy fog mainly glens or lower slopes, but western mountains generally clear. Eastern Loch Lomond NP to Rannoch Moor, some cloud banks higher up, 600-900m, highest tops likely just above this cloud.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80% (higher tops above cloud locally)
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine and excellent visibility, particularly Lochaber and west coast; locally misty lower down, some cloud inland and south.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to 2C, small variation with height inland, some corries and glens stay colder, whilst highest tops up to 4 or 5C.
Freezing Level	Frost in many inland glens, all day out of sunlight; terrain at least partly frozen higher up, but air temperature above freezing on higher tops.

	Saturday 27 December	Sunday 28 December
How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 20 to 30mph, typically strongest toward south, but possible stronger gusts widely some slopes, not just highest tops.	East to northeasterly or variable, 10mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery in places, some buffeting gusts may affect balance, giving a distinct chill, more sustained Loch Lomond/Arran.	Small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation unlikely	Dry all day
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly little; patches on some slopes Patchy cloud may drift onto some slopes mostly in the range 700 to 1000m, higher tops likely above cloud. Hills generally clearer many western areas.	Little or none Fog patches some glens. Possible thin cloud patches drifting onto some coastal slopes and islands around 600-700m, high tops likely remain clear.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Broken cloud and sun, more often sunny toward west coast near Mull. Visibility excellent.	Mostly sunny, partly cloudy coastal areas. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to 2C, but up to 5C some western slopes and on higher tops above an inversion. Feeling like -5 to -8C in stronger wind.	2 or 3C, inversion conditions - hills warmer than lower slopes all day - up to 5C highest summits.
Freezing Level	Varied partly frozen terrain, including frost inland glens, but above freezing on most west coastal slopes and on highest tops.	Frost in glens and lower slopes, also in some upland hollows and corries, all day out of sunlight; above freezing on tops.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 27 December, 2025

Dry weather continues into the weekend as a strong area of high pressure resides near or north of Scotland. Inversion conditions Scottish mountains, high tops generally above freezing and above most patchy cloud, some frost and fog in glens. Gusty east-northeasterly wind increasing for Scotland by Saturday, easing again for Sunday. Strong and gusty winds prevail for England and Wales, often cloudy, a little light rain occasionally Pennines; some sun toward west.

Forecast issued at 16:21 on Thursday, 25 December, 2025

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