

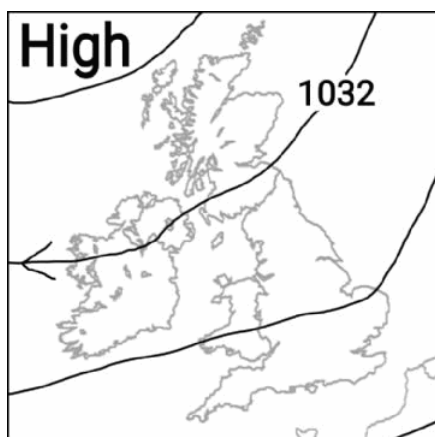
West Highlands

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, 29 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 29 December, 2025

Chilly northeasterly winds with extensive cloud with patchy precipitation locally. Best breaks and sun western hills of England and Wales, and western Scotland. As a cold front edges south, cloud may break up more widely later for the Highlands with colder conditions developing on the hills.

Headline for West Highlands

Chilly northeast wind. Patchy hill fog north and east, clearer elsewhere.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 29 December, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northeast 15 to 25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, but considerable wind chill where exposed to the wind.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation not expected Small risk of a spots of light rain or snow grains into afternoon as a weak cold front edges south.
Cloud on the hills?	Patchy cloud banks, good breaks. Patchy cloud banks moving in, mostly across hills from north Lochaber through the central Highlands. Around 500-1000m, tops initially clear above before cloud lifts further. Clearer conditions elsewhere.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%, but 40% in north and east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy cloud and sun, the latter best in the south and west. Visibility mostly very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0C lowering to -2C
Freezing Level	Morning frost in glens/corries and little change in temperature with height, but turning colder on tops as freezing level stabilises around 700m during afternoon.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 30 December	Wednesday 31 December
How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 10 to 20mph	Westerly 20 to 30mph, increasingly through day to 30 to 40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, but marked chill where exposed to the breeze.	Be prepared for increasingly fairly arduous conditions through the day with significant buffeting and wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Mostly dry	Patchy rain or upper slopes snow Mostly dry start, bar an isolated flurry, but increasingly through day patchy precipitation developing. Snow falling above around 500-800m.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly very little, other than patches Other than ragged patches, or a few banks along western coastal hills, generally very little cloud is expected on the hills.	Extensive Soon after dawn low cloud becoming extensive and increasingly to lower slopes toward west coast.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy cloud and sunshine. Visibility excellent.	Increasingly overcast. Becoming increasingly misty and murky, with poor visibility in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C	Around or just below zero. Feeling more like -10C in the strongest winds.
Freezing Level	Terrain frozen from lower slopes upwards, with frost into the glens in morning.	Freezing at all levels at first, before freezing level rises through day to 700-900m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 30 December, 2025**

Up until end of the year, high pressure still dominates.

Significant change from New Year's Day as a cold front introduces, a much colder and strong northerly giving severe wind chill with temperatures well below average for the first week to the New Year with frequent and heavy snow showers moving into northern areas and running down coastal extremities with significant accumulations. Elsewhere, lots of dry and sunny weather, although occasional organised bands of snow will feed south at times in the Arctic airflow. All terrain becoming frozen, with scope for very low valley temperatures over snow cover when northerly flow eases.

Forecast issued at 14:59 on Sunday, 28 December, 2025

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