

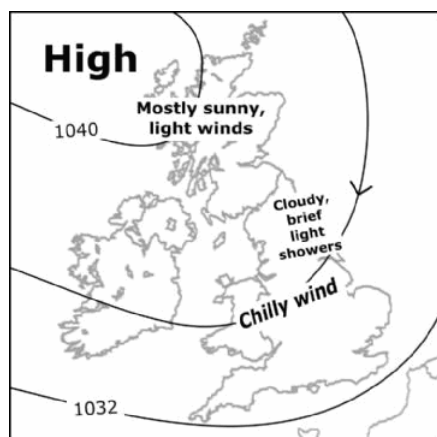
West Highlands

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, 30 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 30 December, 2025

Quiet but chilly conditions, light winds and plenty of sunshine for much of the Highlands, much terrain frozen, sub-zero all day over hills and in some glens. A cold east-northeasterly breeze England and Wales, strongest toward south; fairly cloudy, locally an odd snow flurry over the Pennines.

Headline for West Highlands

Cold, but wind generally light. Sunshine, hills mostly clear.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 30 December, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly or variable, 5 to 10mph or less, increasingly a little toward and beyond dusk, 15-20mph in places.
Effect of wind on you?	Small most of daylight.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Dry all day
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.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy cloud and sunshine. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C. Wind chill by dusk may feel like -7 to -10C.
Freezing Level	Terrain frozen from lower slopes upwards, with frost into the glens in morning.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 31 December	Thursday 1 January
How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 20 to 30mph, increasing through day to 30 to 40mph.	Northwesterly 35 to 50mph, squally gusts in showers.
Effect of wind on you?	Be prepared for increasingly fairly arduous conditions through the day with significant buffeting and wind chill.	Frequent buffeting, walking often arduous on higher terrain. Significant wind chill, severe higher up.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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.	Occasional snow and hail Showers most frequent near coasts and sometimes inland across Lochaber, falling as snow and hail to many lower slopes, though a mix of rain and hail on islands below 600m. Drier Loch Lomond NP.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Soon after dawn low cloud becoming extensive and increasingly to lower slopes toward west coast.	Most frequent north and coasts Cloud base varying, but often capping higher slopes in Lochaber and near coasts, bases 700-1000m. Breaks higher up most often toward and south of Crianlarich.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Increasingly overcast. Becoming increasingly misty and murky, with poor visibility in precipitation.	Occasional sun, best near Loch Lomond. Visibility often very good, but reduced to very poor at times in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	Around or just below 0C. Feeling like -10C, later -15C in the strongest winds. Freezing at all levels at first, before freezing level rises through day to 700-900m.	-3C (-5C Ben Nevis top), to -1C coasts, dropping widely to -5C into night. Wind chill feeling like -15C, near -20C highest tops. 500 to 600m, up to 700m toward Arran. Some inland glens near freezing all day, then into night dropping to all lower slopes.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 31 December, 2025

Significantly cold wintry conditions into the start of January. Air temperature well below freezing on high terrain, plus low minima into many glens and valleys with sustained hard frost. Strong northerly winds later this week giving severe wind chill. 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. Staying cold into next week with scope for snowfalls more widely.

Forecast issued at 16:21 on Monday, 29 December, 2025

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