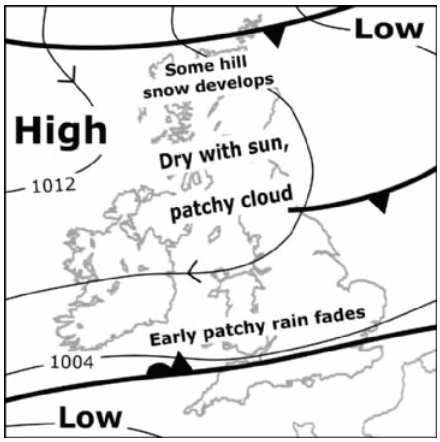
West Highlands

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 Wednesday, 11 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 11 November, 2026

Many places stay dry all day with sunshine and broken cloud. Below freezing on Scottish tops. A band of rain and hill snow moves into northern Scotland during the day, plus a strengthening northwesterly wind. Easterly winds for Wales, light rain in the south fizzles out, but leaves low cloud and dampness.

Headline for West Highlands

Dry with sun; chilly breeze increases, later snow showers north.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 11 November, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 10mph or less in morning, rising during the daytime, soonest Lochaber, to 20-25mph afternoon. Reaching 30mph from dusk and at times 40mph into night.
Effect of wind on you?	**Fairly small, but becoming more noticeable and distinctly chilly over high terrain. Deteriorating after dark.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Snow showers later Lochaber** Substantially dry most areas all daylight, but by late afternoon into evening, some showery rain, snow on tops increasingly to 600-700m, moving in from the north into Lochaber. A few showers with snow to lower elevations into evening-night.
Cloud on the hills?	**Occasional patches, mainly north later** Many mountains often free of cloud. Some patches may drift around higher slopes from time to time, mainly in Lochaber - here during the afternoon capping tops more often above 1000m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**70% Lochaber, to 90% south**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine best all day toward Loch Lomond, may cloud over with time across Lochaber. Visibility mostly excellent, reducing in showers locally in north.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Around 0C, but +2C south coast areas; dropping to -2C into evening widely. Feeling like -5 to -8C as wind increases.
Freezing Level	900m inland, lowering slightly in showers in Lochaber later. Also frost inland glens in morning. Above summits near Arran.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 12 November	Friday 13 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 25 to 35mph, strongest inland from Ben Nevis group to Rannoch Moor, in places may gust 40mph.	Northwesterly, turning westerly during day, 20 to 25mph, but tending to rise, to around 30mph Lochaber in afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	**Strenuous walking in exposure, frequent buffeting over some high tops inland. Significant wind chill.**	**Starting to affect ease of walking on some high terrain, mainly Ben Nevis range in afternoon, with marked wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**An odd snow shower north and coasts** Brief snow showers mainly northern Lochaber. One or two showers may run down the west coast from Mull to Jura, rain below 700m.	**Snow showers, patchy rain west** Scattered showers moving inland from coast, falling as snow initially to 500m or briefly lower inland, then mostly above 800m by afternoon. Chance of steadier rain developing near/west of Loch Linnhe, snow then only highest tops.
Cloud on the hills?	**Mostly northern tops** Patchy cloud likely to drift over higher slopes in Ben Nevis group and west of Loch Linnhe at times, mostly above 1000m. Further south, hills largely clear.	**Tending to increasingly cover tops** Patchy cloud mostly coastal areas in the morning above 800-1000m. Some patches drifting inland during the day and may increasingly cover higher slopes in Lochaber above 900m, or lower near Mull, but higher breaks well inland and southwards.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**70% north, to 90% south.**	**50%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny, some patchy cloud north. Visibility excellent, slight haze coasts.	Ranging from glimpses of sun in Lochaber, to occasional sunshine Loch Lomond NP. Visibility mostly excellent, locally reduced in showers.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to -2C. Feeling like -10 to -15C directly in the wind.	-1C rising to +1C. Wind chill feeling around -10C in stronger speeds.
Freezing Level	700-800m inland, or 900m nearest coast. Frost widely in glens in morning, all day out of sunlight.	Near the coast, 600-700m, rising to 1000m or above. Inland slower to rise, and some glens frosty all day out of sunlight.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 12 November, 2026

Chillier in the second half of this week with frost widely, but much clearer conditions for all with sunshine. Into the weekend, as the wind shifts west then southwesterly, less cold air drifts in from the Atlantic bringing more cloud onto western hills - some rain mainly in western Scotland, whilst England and Wales may remain largely dry for the weekend. A changeable outlook into next week with varying temperatures, stronger wind at times, rain and some upland snow possible. Unsettled patterns are more likely to prevail beyond mid-month.

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