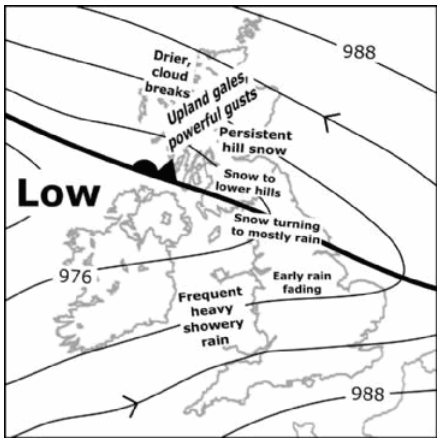
West Highlands

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, 17 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 17 November, 2026

Easterly gales for the Highlands. A swathe of rain and hill snow central-southern Scotland and northern England, snow falling to lower elevations for a time in Southern Uplands. Patchier snow flurries further north/westward in the Highlands. Heavy showery rain west & south Wales, strong southwesterly winds here.

Headline for West Highlands

Gales, severe tops; hill snow mostly south, patchy northwest.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 17 November, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 50 to 60mph and very gusty around high mountains, in places 70mph or more during morning; lessening Loch Lomond NP and Arran, by dusk onward may drop below 25mph nearest the Clyde.
Effect of wind on you?	**Difficult conditions, severe in places higher up, powerful buffeting gusts to lower slopes and significant wind chill; later some improvement southernmost areas.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Hill snow most of day in south; less north** Persistent snow throughout the day on most southern mountains, at first falling to some lower slopes, but turning to sleet or rain to 500m later 700m or above; blizzard conditions giving whiteout over tops. Patchier flurries northwestward, amounting to very little west Lochaber.
Cloud on the hills?	**Extensive** Shrouding the mountains widely, from lower elevations upward southern areas, some higher cloud bases in Lochaber, breaks mainly west of Loch Linnhe, but rarely above high tops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**Below 10% south, 20% Lochaber.**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, local brighter skies possible west of Loch Linnhe. Visibility mostly poor, appalling if in snow and cloud on high terrain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1 or -2C, lifting to around 0C in places. Feeling like -15 to -18C in exposure to wind.
Freezing Level	500-800m, lowest south, locally lower in morning. Tending to rise a little into afternoon, above 1000m locally near/west of Loch Linnhe, also later near Arran.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 18 November	Thursday 19 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 20 to 35mph, strongest Ben Nevis group, but may increase more widely.	East-northeasterly 20 to 30mph, possibly stronger gusts toward the south.
Effect of wind on you?	**Strenuous walking over exposed terrain with some local buffeting gusts affecting balance. Significant wind chill.**	**Starting to affect ease of walking on some high terrain, more noticeable blustery spots south. Considerable wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Occasional flurries** Patchy light snow most over inland and southern hill groups; sleet or rain lower slopes.	**Substantially dry** Rare snow flurries, greatest chance around Creag Meagaidh.
Cloud on the hills?	**Covering many tops** Varying banks of cloud, but may cover most high tops all day. Some breaks above 1000m mostly areas further west.	**Mostly very little** Patchy cloud drifting onto some higher slopes mostly in north and east of Ben Nevis group.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**30%**	**80%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mostly west coast. Visibility very good where dry, but reduced at times, poor locally if in snow.	Often sunny. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C. Feeling like -10 to -15C in the wind.	0 to -2C. Feeling like -10C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	700-800m, slightly higher nearest coast.	700-800m, slightly higher near west coast. Frost some inland glens in morning, mainly Lochaber.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 18 November, 2026

Scottish mountain terrain stays frozen this week and likely into the weekend, plus frost common into the glens. Colder air also drifts back south across England & Wales later this week, though milder air may return briefly by Saturday. Snow flurries mainly eastern and far northern Highlands in the second half of this week, otherwise much of Scotland often dry. Areas of rain and some hill snow for England & Wales. Into next week, uncertainty about the progress of Atlantic weather systems, which may pivot toward the south again, maintaining chilly easterly winds for Scotland at least, with further snow flurries possible, but there may be little precipitation western Highlands.

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