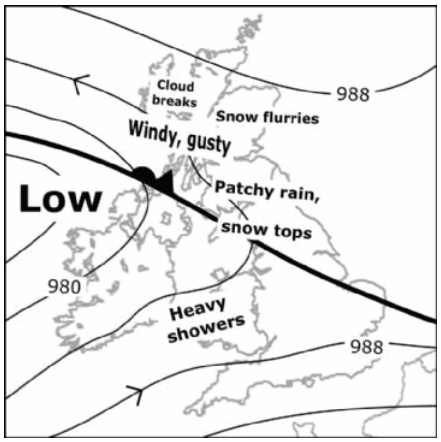
West Highlands

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, 18 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 18 November, 2026

Strong easterly winds bring significant chill factor to Scottish mountains; some snow flurries mostly eastern areas. A slow-moving area of patchy rain and some hill snow for southern Scotland and northern England. Southwesterly winds for Wales, showery bursts with hail in the west and south.

Headline for West Highlands

Brisk winds, local light rain or flurries, mainly south.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 18 November, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 25 to 35mph, strongest Ben Nevis group, gusty in places toward west of major summits; increasing wind tending to extend southward late in day and evening.
Effect of wind on you?	**Strenuous walking over exposed terrain with some local buffeting gusts affecting balance. Significant 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 much of the day western hills in Lochaber.
Cloud on the hills?	**Covering many tops, breaks west** Varying banks of cloud, but cover many high tops all day. Some breaks above 1000m mostly areas further west, particularly west of Loch Linnhe and near/west of Glen Etive.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**30%, to 60% western Lochaber.**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mostly west coast, but a veil of high cloud. Visibility very good where dry, but reduced at times, poor locally if in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C most places, to just above 0C coasts. Feeling like -10 to -15C in the wind.
Freezing Level	700-800m, slightly higher nearest coast; above summits on Arran and Jura.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 19 November	Friday 20 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	East-northeasterly 20 to 30mph, possibly stronger gusts toward the south.	Northeasterly then variable, may start 15-20mph toward Arran, otherwise 10mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	**Starting to affect ease of walking on some high terrain, more noticeable blustery spots south. Considerable wind chill.**	**Small.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Substantially dry** Rare snow flurries, greatest chance around Creag Meagaidh.	**Precipitation unlikely** Chance of an isolated brief snow flurry, but most likely all day stays dry.
Cloud on the hills?	**Mostly very little** Patchy cloud drifting onto some higher slopes mostly in north and east of Ben Nevis group.	**Occasional patches** Odd patches of cloud drifting over upper slopes at times, mainly Ben Nevis to Creag Meagaidh area. Many summits often clear.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**80%**	**80%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often sunny. Visibility excellent.	Frequently sunny. Visibility excellent. Possibly local mist in glens and over lochs.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to -2C. Feeling like -10C directly in the wind.	0 or -1C.
Freezing Level	700-800m, slightly higher near west coast. Frost some inland glens in morning, mainly Lochaber.	800-900m, or slightly higher on coastal mountains and the islands. Frost inland glens in the morning.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 19 November, 2026

Staying below freezing over Scottish mountains late this week, varying around freezing for northern England, more often milder for Wales. Frost common into valleys and glens. Snow flurries mainly eastern and far northern Highlands, otherwise many places dry to end the week, winds dropping light Friday-Saturday. Southeasterly winds likely increase during the weekend, a risk of rain moving into Wales by Sunday, but elsewhere may well remain dry.
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 rain and hill snow possible, but there may be little precipitation west and particularly northwestern Highlands.

Forecast issued at 15:36 on Tuesday, 17 November, 2026

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