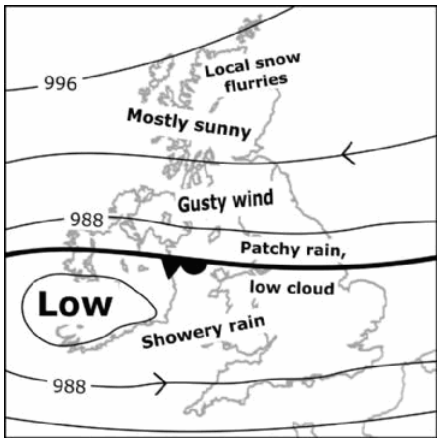
West Highlands

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 Thursday, 19 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 19 November, 2026

Chilly but fine for much of the Highlands, local snow showers moving inland from the Moray Firth. Brisk easterly winds for Scotland and northern England. Murky with rain over the Pennines, snow higher tops, drier for Lake District. Low cloud for east Wales, clearer west; showery in south Wales.

Headline for West Highlands

Generally dry and sunny, breezy.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 19 November, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	East-northeasterly 20 to 30mph, possibly stronger gusts toward the south.
Effect of wind on you?	**Starting to affect ease of walking on some high terrain, more noticeable blustery spots south. Considerable wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Substantially dry** Rare if any brief snow flurries, greatest chance around Creag Meagaidh.
Cloud on the hills?	**Mostly very little** Patchy cloud drifting onto some higher slopes mostly in north and east of Ben Nevis group.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**80%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often sunny. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to -2C. Feeling like -10C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	700-800m, slightly higher near west coast. Frost some inland glens in morning, mainly Lochaber.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 20 November	Saturday 21 November
How windy? (On the Munros) **Effect of wind on you?**	Northeasterly then variable, may start 15-20mph toward Arran, otherwise 10mph or less. **Small.**	Variable direction below 10mph. Later rising east-southeasterly 20-25mph, soonest Arran; may rise further into night. **Mostly small, but feeling more noticeably chilly in exposure later as wind strengthens.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Precipitation unlikely** Chance of an isolated brief snow flurry, but most likely all day stays dry.	**No precipitation expected**
Cloud on the hills? **Chance of cloud free Munros?**	**Occasional patches** Odd patches of cloud drifting over upper slopes at times, mainly Ben Nevis to Creag Meagaidh area. Many summits often clear. **80%**	**None expected** **Above 90%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Frequently sunny. Visibility excellent. Possibly local mist in glens and over lochs.	Extensive sunshine and superb visibility. Patchy fog in some glens.
How Cold? (at 900m) **Freezing Level**	0 or -1C. 800-900m, or slightly higher on coastal mountains and the islands. Frost inland glens in the morning.	-2C, to nearer 0C coastal tops. Much inland terrain frozen in morning, partial thawing sunlit slopes up to 700-800m, highest around coast & islands.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 20 November, 2026

Staying below freezing over Scottish mountains into the weekend and next week, varying around freezing for tops in northern England, at times milder for Wales. Frost common into valleys and glens. A few snow showers in northeastern Scotland on Friday, otherwise plenty of dry weather and sunshine into the weekend; patchy fog on some low ground. A risk of rain moving into Wales into Sunday, may fall as snow on hills. Light winds for most places on Saturday, then stronger east-southeasterlies on Sunday, which may bring cloud onto some eastern hills. Next week sees weather systems pushing in from the Atlantic with some strong winds, rain and hill snow in the outlook.

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