

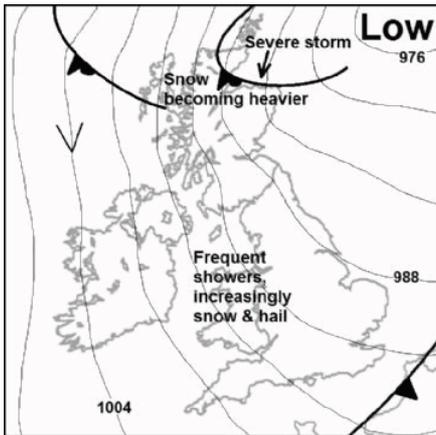
West Highlands

Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area include Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, includes Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Includes Arran and Mull.



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General Summary for Friday, 26 November, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 26 November, 2021

A severe storm moves into Scotland from the north. Mountain gales strengthening to hurricane-force afternoon into evening. Snow setting in heavier in the north, falling to increasingly lower levels and spreading further south later. Frequent heavy showers for Wales with hail, risk thunder. Drier S Scotland & N England with some sun.

Headline for West Highlands

Severe storm developing. Periods of snow, at times heavy.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 26 November, 2021

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northwesterly 45mph morning. Abruptly from north in afternoon, 70mph to in gusts 100mph or more in hurricane force winds.
Effect of wind on you?	Severe wind chill and very difficult walking conditions at best. Abruptly any mobility later tortuous - even on lower slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow, sometimes heavy. Snow, intermittently heavy giving whiteout, especially more western hills. Hail and risk thunder. Some breaks in the precipitation, extensively so Loch Lomond NP. Rain only lowest slopes, mainly coasts. Snow becomes heavier inland across Lochaber into central Highlands by dusk onward for a few hours.
Cloud on the hills?	Very extensive Cloud shrouding the hills, sometimes from lower slopes when base 200 to 400m near precipitation, lowest near the coast. Fleeting breaks to 700m central highlands and south of Rannoch Moor, perhaps more widely to 900m toward central belt.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare glimpses of sun only. Visibility often appalling or near zero, although at times good - particularly toward Loch Lomond NP. Rapid changes in visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C dropping to -3C. Wind chill near -20C, or below as extreme winds develop.
Freezing Level	750m dropping from north to 500m, then toward lower slopes after dark.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 27 November	Sunday 28 November
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northerly 40 to 60mph; particularly gusty near showers. Lessening only slowly through day. Difficult conditions, frequent considerable buffeting on higher areas; at times any mobility difficult. Severe wind chill.	Northerly 25 to 35mph, may fall lighter through the afternoon. Significant wind chill and buffeting at times on higher terrain, may become small later toward west coast.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent snow, mainly Lochaber Snow showers, mainly Mull and Lochaber, where frequently appalling visibility in whiteout or near whiteout. Few showers Loch Lomond NP; often only flurries.	Mostly dry Rare snow flurries.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensively covering higher areas Lochaber and Mull: Rapidly varying cloud bases: abruptly below 600m near precipitation but breaks to 1000m occasionally higher. Elsewhere: Occasionally cloud below 700m but often cloud base 1050m.	Clearest toward south Banks of cloud on the hills most common in Lochaber and westwards to Mull, sometimes below 800m, but some breaks toward tops. Further inland and south, patches here and there, but often clear.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, although sunnier Loch Lomond NP. Hazy; visibility appalling at times particularly higher up Lochaber and Mull.	Mostly sunny, some high cloud. The air quite clear, but very poor visibility on some hills if in blowing snow.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-4C. Wind chill as cold as -20C. Close to freezing point into glens in morning, rising to around 400m, particularly near coasts and lochs.	-4C, up to -2C near coast. Wind chill as cold as -15C. Near freezing point to lower slopes; much terrain frozen, some snow cover. Near coast & islands, up to 500-600m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 27 November, 2021**

Very cold this weekend with northerly gales or storm-force winds. Severe wind chill conditions on higher mountains on Saturday. Easing gradually from the west into Sunday. Snow showers focused on north-facing mountains, sometimes frequent or merging to constant falls for a few hours. Areas of sunshine and clear air away from showers.

Next week, west to northwesterly winds prevail. Precipitation frequent, with further bouts of upland gales or severe gales. Temperature will vary, lifting above freezing to highest summits early in the week. Colder again by midweek, then cycles of freeze & thaw are likely into next weekend, although mountains in England & Wales only temporarily sub-zero.

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