

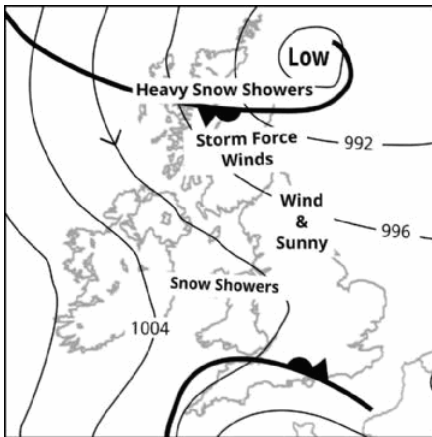
# West Highlands

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, 21 November, 2024



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 21 November, 2024**

Heavy snow showers with gales in the Highlands. Southern Scotland and northern England mostly sunny, cold, windy at times, only isolated snowfall near the coasts. In Wales changeable conditions, from snowfall and whiteouts to sunny spells with a few clouds. Chilly.

### Headline for West Highlands

Snow showers, windy, cold. Some sunshine Loch Lomond

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 21 November, 2024

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	North-northwesterly, varying - often 35 to 45mph, sometimes less, strongest in the morning.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Considerable buffeting, movement becoming difficult at times, balance hard to keep. Strong wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Snow showers, drier toward southeast</b> Snow and hail showers likely on all hills, most new snow in Lochaber. Showers fairly heavy, up to 10cm of fresh snow during the whole day possible, much less south of Ben Nevis range.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Cloud near the coast and in showers</b> Cloud patches possible, especially on the islands and western coastal hills, on the level of higher tops. Elsewhere hills mostly clear, but snow showers may strongly reduce visibility.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun on the coast, much more frequent inland, especially southeast. Visibility varying from very good to prolonged whiteouts in snow showers.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-4 to -1C. Feeling near -10C in wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Near 500m by the coast, inland 100-300m. Rising to 500-700m.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 22 November	Saturday 23 November
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Northwesterly, easing from 30mph to soon 15-20mph.	Southeasterly 50 to 80mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>At start moving around strenuous, wind affecting balance on ridges, impeding comfortable walking. Becoming small.</b>	<b>Severe conditions, any activity on the exposed ridges highly dangerous regardless of experience.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Snow showers in northwest, fading</b> Snow and hail showers in Western Lochaber and by the coast, occasionally reaching areas more to the south and east. East of Loch Lomond and Ben Nevis likely dry. Shower risk lowering through the day.	<b>Heavy snowfall, changing into rain</b> Heavy snowfall first half of the day, during the afternoon gradual transition into rain. 5-10cm fresh snow falling within few hours, in places more, snow becoming very wet.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly clear</b>  Layers of low cloud may appear on various levels especially in and after showers, but hills most of the time clear.	<b>Hills covered extensively, whiteout</b>  Hills fully covered, very likely all day. With intense snowfall whiteout frequent.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>Very low</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun frequent, most of the time with some clouds in the sky.  Visibility very good, locally moderate in the west and in showers.	Overcast, zero visibility, whiteout.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	0C coast to -3C toward east	Rising from -5C to +4C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	400-600m, rising a little through the day. Well inland 100-300m in the morning.	Variable, at first near sea level inland, 300-500m close to the coast. Rising to above the summits afternoon.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 22 November, 2024**

Weekend will start with heavy snowfall for many mountains. With significant warming, from Saturday afternoon change into snow, perhaps locally freezing rain for a while. On Sunday frequent rain, freezing level above all summits. On both weekend days severe winds even in the valleys! Next week will start with some cooling, mix of rain and snow showers, then dry for Tuesday and Wednesday. Wednesday night another warm front will move over the UK southwest to northeast, bringing rain and strong winds. Later, milder and moderately wet.

**Forecast issued at 15:35 on Wednesday, 20 November, 2024**

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