

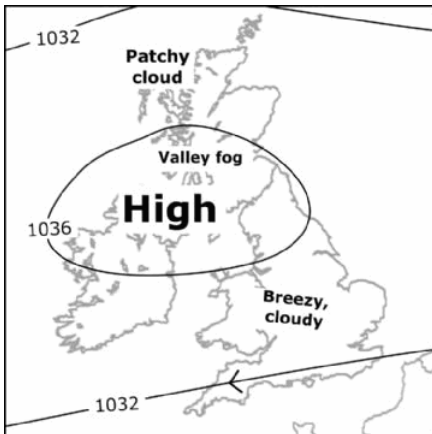
West Highlands

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, 11 December, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 December, 2024

Sunshine and little wind for Scotland, some areas of low-level fog; extensive snow cover over the mountains. Above an inversion, air temperature on tops above freezing, but hard frost into the glens. A chilly easterly breeze for England and Wales; sunshine best near west coasts, cloudier eastwards.

Headline for West Highlands

Little wind. Inversion, sunshine above low-level fog.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 11 December, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable 5-10mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Dry
Cloud on the hills?	Mountains clear, patchy fog banks Banks of cloud may drift onto lower slopes near coasts around Mull to Jura. Fragments of cloud may cling to some corries in Lochaber, but summits clear. Fog patches in some valleys, most extensive near to central lowlands.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Above 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine and excellent visibility on the mountains, above patchy fog lower slopes.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6C (lower slopes inland colder).
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but terrain widely at least partly frozen, with frost in many glens away from the coast.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 12 December	Friday 13 December
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 10-15mph or less, locally 15-20mph on and nearest Mull.	Southwesterly 10 to 20mph, locally gusty 25mph higher slopes and coastal mountains.
Effect of wind on you?	Small	Mostly small, but marked wind chill on higher terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry Possible fine drizzle on some slopes if in cloud, mainly near coast and in south.	Occasional light snow or rain Damp air where in cloud. Patchy drizzle or snow flurries on higher slopes, mostly coastal hills.
Cloud on the hills?	Risk fairly extensive low cloud/fog Low cloud or fog possibly shrouding the hills widely from lower slopes upwards, particularly coasts and Loch Lomond NP. Further north, cloud more broken and some higher slopes may be above the fog.	Extensive Shrouding the mountains with banks of cloud at various elevations, but covering areas near coasts to lower slopes. Less chance of high tops emerging out of cloud. Higher bases near/north of Glen Spean.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20% south, to 60% north (above fog).	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Some sunshine and possible excellent visibility on higher terrain, above fog in places, risk misty many lower southern hills	Misty many areas, hazy at best well inland. Rare if any glimpses of weak sun.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5C (lower slopes inland colder).	Around 0C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but terrain stays at least partly frozen, frost in many glens away from the coast.	Varied, typically 800 to 1000m, but many glens away from the coast remaining at least partly frozen.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 12 December, 2024**

High pressure weakens beyond midweek, allowing fog banks to drift higher up on the hills, local pockets of drizzle forming. As the inversion situation fades, temperatures will fall back to freezing on higher terrain by Friday and Saturday; some snow flurries as northwesterly winds develop. Stronger westerly winds by Sunday, severe gales likely at least on Scottish mountains. Milder for a few days Sunday into early next week with thawing, rain focused on western Scotland, low cloud widely on western hills. Varied temperatures later next week, but greater uncertainty of weather detail by then. Indications favour higher pressure returning toward the Christmas period.

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