

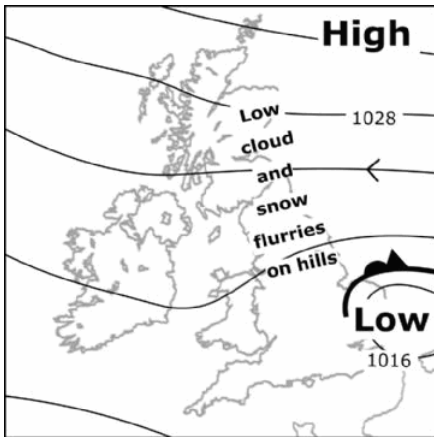
West Highlands

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 Tuesday, 11 February, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 February, 2025

Windy and cold with most mountain terrain frozen. Snow will accumulate slowly over many eastern mountains although rain lower slopes Scottish Borders southwards. A few flurries will reach western mountains, where in places cloud will break to give a little sunshine.

Headline for West Highlands

Snow flurries mainly more eastern areas. Terrain frozen.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 11 February, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly; speeds very varied, typically 30mph, but locally 40-45mph. Expect sudden gusts, in places reaching lower slopes - particularly close to Loch Linnhe, Glen Spean and Loch Leven.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable wind chill and sometimes sudden buffeting in gusts on both higher and some lower slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow flurries mainly well inland Most mountains dry. But on central highlands and Loch Lomond NP, snow flurries, possibly frequent over a couple of hours.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive on higher areas; may break up toward coastal summits Ranging from summits sometimes free of cloud near and west of Loch Linnhe to extensive cloud about 600 to 800m elsewhere. Perhaps patches near 450m east of A82/W Highland Line in Loch Lomond NP.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%, but 40% westernmost summits
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare sunshine, although often the sun in and out near the coast (including near Loch Linnhe) north from Jura). Excellent visibility particularly toward the west coast. A haze near Arran.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C. Will feel as cold as minus 12C due to wind chill.
Freezing Level	Nearly all terrain frozen. By afternoon freezing level around 600m or a little lower where in cloud.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 12 February	Thursday 13 February
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Easterly mostly 25 to locally 35mph. Mostly fairly small although notable wind chill and likely to impede ease of walking on some higher slopes.	Southeasterly, typically 25mph. In places a very gusty 35mph - particularly near the coast some gusts reaching lower slopes. Will impede ease of walking on most higher areas. In places, both lower and higher slopes, strong gusts will unbalance you. Notable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation unlikely Risk isolated snow flurries eastern Loch Lomond NP.	Precipitation unlikely Small risk of a snow flurry central highlands and Loch Lomond NP.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Extensive on higher areas; highest cloud base near the coast Cloud base by midday typically 750 to 900m. Toward the coast (including Loch Linnhe) cloud base lifting to 1050m and perhaps clearing some higher tops at times. 20%	Extensive higher summits - particularly those well inland. Central highlands and Loch Lomond NP. Cloud intermittently or persistently above 750m. Elsewhere: Cloud likely to come and go above 900m, but may clear at times, particularly near and west of Loch Linnhe. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun mainly more western mountains. Slight haze, although mostly excellent visibility.	Ranging from patchy sun on more western mountains to little sun elsewhere. Excellent visibility Lochaber; more hazy toward central belt.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-3C 450m	-4C. Due to wind chill will feel around -12C. 450m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 12 February, 2025**

Remaining cold with nearly all mountain terrain frozen for the next week or perhaps longer. Total precipitation will be small, although one or two further periods where snow showers or flurries will reach mainly eastern mountains, whilst occasionally winds strengthen and a threat of precipitation on western mountains as Atlantic fronts temporarily make progress toward western Britain.

Forecast issued at 12:23 on Monday, 10 February, 2025

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