

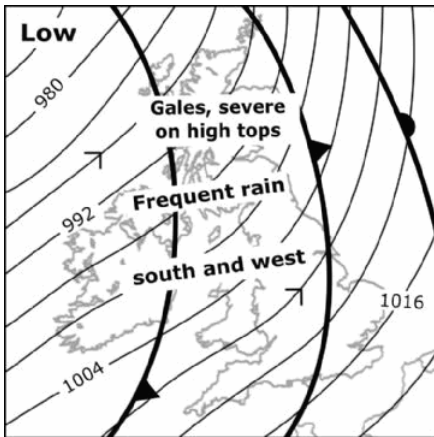
West Highlands

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, 20 February, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 February, 2025

Gale force winds widespread across the mountains. South and west areas will often be rainy, most persistent near coasts, some heavy bursts at times moving inland. Less rain further east & northeast. Extensive low cloud shrouding the hills.

Headline for West Highlands

Gales widely. Cloudy with frequent rain.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 20 February, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly 45-55mph. Highest gusts around Mull and northward up to 60mph, Arran as well. A slight southwesterly shift in the afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous to difficult with considerable buffeting. You may struggle to stay on your feet in highest winds. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Often raining near sea, spells inland Showery rain most of the day near the coast and Loch Lomond NP. Several extended spells of rain in most areas, momentarily heavy on high terrain around Lochaber. Mainly near the coast, chance of isolated lightning in heavier bursts. By dusk, turning to snow above about 1000m.
Cloud on the hills?	Widely foggy Low cloud widespread. A few higher bases (600 to 900m) Lochaber and around Ben Alder. Some lifting bases or patchy clearing inland as dusk approaches.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Visibility often very poor.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5C, cooling through the afternoon towards 2C, most pronounced north of Loch Lomond. Feeling like -10C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits most of the day. Freezing temperatures set in as low as 1100m as dusk approaches.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 21 February	Saturday 22 February
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly 60-80mph for most of daylight.	Southwesterly 30-40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Any mobility very difficult. Severe wind chill.	Walking strenuous, balance and stability will be affected. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Often raining, a lull possible Rain most of the day, a lull in the rain possible around Arran.	Coastal showers, flurries on high tops Shower spells along the coast, frequent from Mull northward. Spells of light sleet or flurries over highest tops.
Cloud on the hills?	Most terrain foggy Cloud from lowest slopes upward along coasts. Some higher bases Lochaber and north though most terrain stays cloudy.	Coast often cloudy, patchier inland Cloud banks common with bases near 900m along the coast. Highest bases inland, best chance of clear hills around Ben Alder to Creag Meagaidh.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine. Visibility often very poor.	Patchwork of sun inland, little near the coast. Good to excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 to 7C most of the day. Cooling in the afternoon towards 4C. Feeling as cold as -12C in wind.	2C Feeling like -8C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	1200m

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 21 February, 2025**

Frequent rain and periods of gale or storm force upland wind over the next several days. All terrain will have thawed by the weekend, though on Saturday, higher Scottish summits will be below freezing and over England and Wales there will be a lull in the wind. Deteriorating again widely into Sunday. Becoming very wet underfoot on western mountains.

Next week sees lower temperatures, a return to mostly sub-freezing conditions over Scottish Munros, whilst lower Scottish hills plus mountains in England & Wales will see some freeze and thaw. Showery conditions with hail and upland snow, mixed with occasionally more widespread precipitation and low cloud, though periods of clearing will occur as well.

Forecast issued at 16:21 on Wednesday, 19 February, 2025

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