

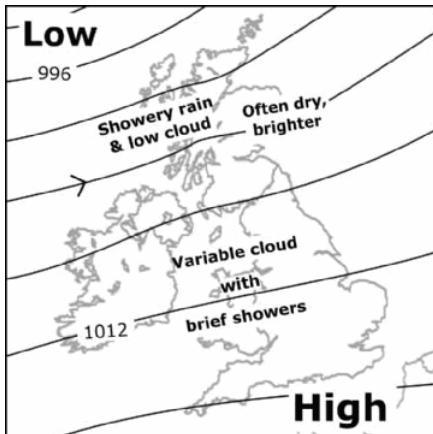
West Highlands

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 Saturday, 22 February, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 22 February, 2025

Windy over the mountains, up to gale force higher Scottish tops particularly northwest, but a relative improvement compared to Friday and Sunday. Rain most frequent near Skye, patchy light showers elsewhere. Cloud often capping western tops, higher bases and some breaks eastwards. Near freezing on highest summits.

Headline for West Highlands

Windy on hills. Occasional showers, cloud often on tops.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 22 February, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 25-40mph, strongest in Ben Nevis area particularly in the morning, gusts on exposed high tops 50mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking strenuous, balance and stability will be affected. Moderating during day. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, flurries on high tops Occasional light showers spreading inland from the west, locally more frequent for periods Mull into Lochaber. Some light sleet or flurries over tops above 1000m. Wet underfoot following previous rain.
Cloud on the hills?	Coast often cloudy, patchier inland Cloud banks common with bases near 900m along the coast. Varied in and out of showers on tops elsewhere. Highest bases further inland, best chance of clear hills around Ben Alder to Creag Meagaidh.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% coast, 50% inland.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun well inland, little near the coast. Good to excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2C. Feeling like -8C in the wind.
Freezing Level	1200m

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 23 February	Monday 24 February
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South to southwesterly 60 to 80mph, up to 100mph in gusts for periods on highest mountains in Ben Nevis range. Severe conditions: mobility challenging even at mid-elevations, frequently knocking you off your feet where exposed.	Southwesterly 40 to 60mph, risk 70mph for periods on higher Ben Nevis tops. Arduous conditions, difficult on higher mountains, where squally gusts could knock you over. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy rain then frequent showers Heavy rain setting in before dawn, lasting much of the morning, briefly wet snow on high tops. By middle of day, clusters of showers, merging into frequent rain for periods; back to snow on high tops into night.	Showery, snow on tops Frequent precipitation, locally constant for periods, likely focused on Lochaber to Mull; falling as snow above 700-800m. Possible heavier showers developing with hail.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, lowest morning Shrouding the mountains all day, lowest cloud bases in the morning, rising toward upper slopes by afternoon, but varied in and out of rain, highest of any breaks toward north/east of Rannoch Moor.	Fairly extensive over tops Often covering higher summits, bases varied in and out of showers 700 to 900m, sometimes 600m near west coast; brief higher breaks above 1000m well inland.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast morning, then some glimpses of sun forming, mainly well inland afternoon. Hazy, poor visibility in precipitation.	Brief glimpses of sun inland. Visibility sometimes good, but very poor in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	1 to 3C. Feeling like -15C or below due to wind chill. Close to freezing above 1000-1200m at first, but lifting above all tops. Into night starting to lower back to 1000m.	0 or 1C. Feeling like -15C in the wind. 900 to 1000m, tending to lower a little by evening, nearer 800m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 23 February, 2025**

Wet underfoot following several spells of rain and a marked thaw. Weather conditions deteriorating again into Sunday with storm-force mountain winds and heavy rain. Chillier west to southwesterly winds prevail next week, 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.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Friday, 21 February, 2025

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