

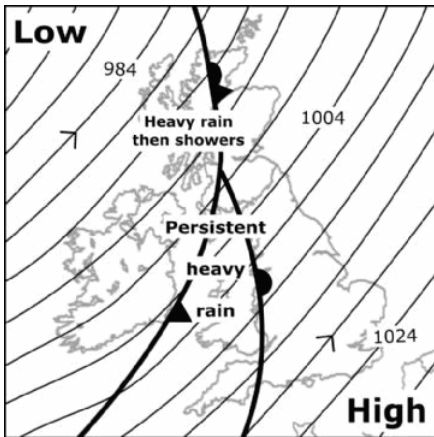
# West Highlands

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 Sunday, 23 February, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 23 February, 2025**

Severe conditions with storm-force winds widely over the mountains. Extensive heavy rain for Scotland in the morning, some wet snow only on highest summits for a time, by afternoon breaking up into showers. Heavy rain setting in for much of the day for England and Wales.

### Headline for West Highlands

Sustained storm to hurricane-force winds. Heaviest rain in morning.

## Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 23 February, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	South to southwesterly 60 to 80mph, up to 100mph in gusts for periods on highest mountains in Ben Nevis range.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Severe conditions: mobility challenging even at mid-elevations, frequently knocking you off your feet where exposed.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Heavy rain then frequent showers</b> 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 again for periods; back to snow on high tops into night. Very wet underfoot, streams in spate, some flooding.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive, lowest morning</b> 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.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast much of day, some glimpses of sun forming late afternoon, mainly well inland. Hazy, poor visibility in precipitation.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	1 to 3C. Feeling like -15C or below due to wind chill.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Close to freezing above 1000-1200m at first, but lifting above all tops. Into night starting to lower back to 1000m.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 24 February	Tuesday 25 February
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southwesterly 45 to 60mph, or 70mph for periods on higher Ben Nevis tops, particularly morning. <b>Arduous conditions, difficult on higher mountains, where squally gusts could knock you over. Significant wind chill.</b>	Westerly 25 to 35mph. <b>Starting to affect comfortable walking and balance on exposed higher terrain. Considerable wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Showery, snow on tops</b> Frequent precipitation, locally constant for periods, likely focused on Lochaber to Mull; falling as snow above 700-800m. Possible heavier showers developing with hail.	<b>Snow and hail showers</b> Frequent showery precipitation, particularly mountains nearer the coast; snow above 600-700m, also hail.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Fairly extensive over tops</b>  Often covering higher mountains, bases varied in and out of showers 700 to 900m, sometimes 600m near west coast; brief higher breaks above 1000m well inland.	<b>Varied, high tops often shrouded</b>  Often covering the mountains, cloud base varying in and out of showers between 600 and 900m, lowest near coasts. Fleeting breaks to higher slopes, more often inland.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief glimpses of sun inland. Visibility sometimes good, but very poor in precipitation.	Brief bursts of sun, most common inland. Visibility very good out of showers, but intermittently very poor in snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	0 or 1C. Feeling like -15C in the wind.  900 to 1000m, tending to lower a little by evening, nearer 800m.	0 or -1C. Wind chill feeling like -10C, nearer -15C on higher summits.  800 to 900m.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 24 February, 2025**

Returning to freezing over the Scottish Munros from Monday, staying sub-zero over the tops during the week ahead, whilst higher summits in England & Wales will fluctuate around freezing point. Beware of icy surfaces as previously thawed ground refreezes. Wet underfoot on lower ground with streams in spate and local flooding at first following several spells of heavy rain recently. Showery precipitation coming in from the west, falling as snow on the mountains, accumulating on higher terrain, also sometimes hail. A possibly more widespread area of rain and hill snow during midweek. Wind speeds varied, west to southwesterlies at times gale force on tops, prepare for considerable chill factor.

**Forecast issued at 16:00 on Saturday, 22 February, 2025**

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