

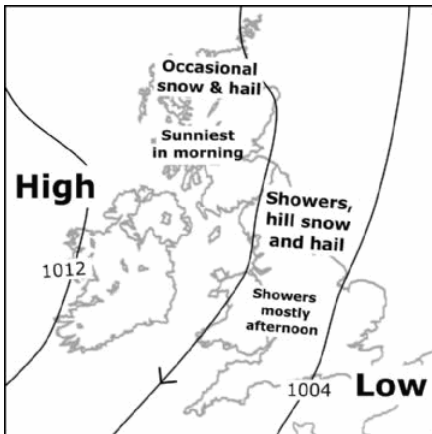
West Highlands

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, 13 March, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 March, 2025

Chilly northerly winds, strongest over the Pennines, here bringing a scattering of mostly brief showers with hail and hill snow. Local areas of snow showers in northern Scotland too. Otherwise, largely dry, only isolated flurries and some sun, typically best in the morning. Evening into night, some snow develops from north for Highlands.

Headline for West Highlands

Chilly, but wind fairly light. Largely dry, sunniest in morning.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 13 March, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 15mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry day, brief flurries afternoon Mostly dry, chance of isolated soft hail or snow flurries in afternoon. Likely dry all day Loch Lomond NP. Later evening into night, spells of snow passing southwards.
Cloud on the hills?	Patches higher slopes mainly Lochaber to Mull. Patchy cloud mostly in Lochaber above 900m in morning, may often cap tops near Ben Nevis all day. Banks more frequent Mull to Jura above 700m. Starting largely clear Loch Lomond NP, local patches forming on tops at times.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% near Mull, 50% Lochaber, to 80% Loch Lomond NP.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine most widely in the morning, then cloudier with patchy bright sun. Often cloudier around Mull. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3C rising to -1C.
Freezing Level	500m, tending to rise to 700m. Frost many glens post dawn.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 14 March	Saturday 15 March
How windy? (On the Munros)	Northeasterly 10-20mph.	West to northwesterly 15 to 20mph, at times 25mph higher Ben Nevis range.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small.	Fairly small, but noticeable wind chill where exposed on high tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Isolated snow showers Morning showers with rain lower slopes around Islay and Jura clear south. Some isolated showers of snow over high tops, scattered inland during afternoon.	Rare if any light showers Chance of an occasional light shower, or snow flurry above 700m, mainly Lochaber.
Cloud on the hills?	Patchy banks, frequently clearing tops Some fog in glens and corries in the morning. Patchy cloud banks come and go with bases down to 800m on north-facing slopes. Regularly clearing summits, most often near Mull and southward	Variable over higher tops Banks of cloud likely to drift over coastal mountains above 700 to 900m, most common areas near and west of Loch Linnhe. Further inland and south, often above 900m with breaks to higher slopes.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Frequent sunshine, possibly extensive in southern areas and low slopes. Excellent visibility, poor spells in showers.	A little sun in and out, more frequent in the morning toward central highlands. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C, rising to 0C into afternoon.	-2C rising to 0C or slightly higher afternoon. Feeling like -10C if in stronger breeze.
Freezing Level	Freezing temperatures and frost across all terrain at dawn. Freezing level approaching 900m.	500m rising to 900-1000m onward into afternoon. But also frost inland glens and sheltered lower slopes from dawn.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 14 March, 2025

Staying cold through the weekend into the start of next week, with frost overnight to lower slopes and valleys, then during the daytimes the freezing level lifting onto higher slopes. Higher pressure expands across all areas from the north, bringing largely dry conditions and rare brief light showers. A largely fine weekend ahead with light winds, sunny spells, variable cloud, and very clear crisp air. Some showers may run into northern Scotland on stronger winds here. Next week, a gradual shift back to less cold southeasterlies, with some showery rain developing from midweek, possibly more widespread spells of rain and some hill snow later in the week.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Wednesday, 12 March, 2025

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