

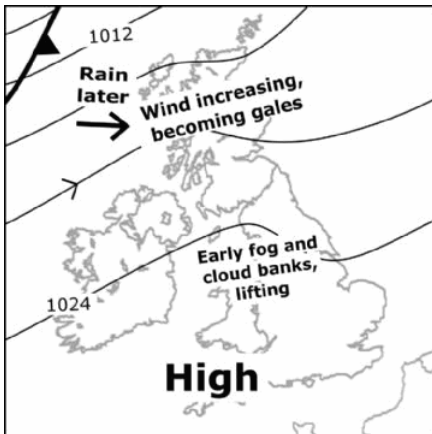
West Highlands

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 Wednesday, 26 March, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 26 March, 2025

Southwesterly winds strengthening, reaching gale-force across Scottish mountains increasingly into afternoon. Dry for most places all day, but rain moves into northwest Highlands later in daytime. Varied cloud banks mostly over western hills. Sunniest in eastern areas.

Headline for West Highlands

Wind increasing, gales later. Rain into evening.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 26 March, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly, strengthening from 20mph at dawn, to 40-50mph later afternoon into evening, soonest in Lochaber, risk 60mph on highest tops up to dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small early in day, increasingly blustery into afternoon, later in day walking arduous on higher terrain, wind chill becoming significant.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain by evening in Lochaber Dry much of daylight, then from late afternoon spots of rain developing west of Loch Linnhe. By evening more persistent rain moving in from the west across Lochaber, more widely into night.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied patches, lowering later in day Banks of cloud on some slopes in the morning, higher tops may be above cloud for a time. Patchy cloud lifting onto higher tops, some clearer breaks inland. Later afternoon thickening from west, filling in above 600-800m evening.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60% dropping to 20% later Lochaber.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, a little sun through high cloud occasionally. Visibility very good, reducing later in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1 to 4C. Wind chill feeling like -10C later as speeds increase.
Freezing Level	Close to freezing some higher slopes above 900m at dawn; otherwise above the summits.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 27 March	Friday 28 March
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 35 to 45mph, at times 60mph on higher summits, particularly Ben Nevis range. Strenuous walking, balance often affected on exposed tops and ridges, frequent buffeting. Significant wind chill.	Westerly 35 to 45mph, sudden squally gusts during showers. Significant wind chill. Frequent buffeting over the hills, walking at times arduous where exposed.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain setting in, snow tops at first Rain becoming persistent near and west of Loch Linnhe, starting as snow on the Munros, turning to sleet or rain toward tops; heavier with time. Less rain Loch Lomond to Arran, but turning wetter later.	Frequent hail and snow, risk lightning Showery precipitation throughout the day, spreading increasingly well inland from the west coast. Hail to lower slopes, at times snow above 700m. Heavy bursts with risk of thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Increasingly extensive Covering most mountains all day, may vary in the morning, some breaks possible, above 900m well inland. Likely lowering to increasingly shroud hills, to lower slopes coastal areas, 600-700m inland.	Varied, often covering tops Cloud base changing rapidly, but often capping higher slopes above 800m, brief shafts of cloud to 600m. Fleeting breaks toward higher summits, best well inland.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% dropping below 10%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Any weak patchy sun soon giving way to thickening cloud cover. Visibility initially good, mainly inland/south, becoming hazier; poor in rain.	Brief bursts of sun. The air quite clear, but visibility intermittently very poor in heavy showers.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	1C rising to 3C. Wind chill feeling like -10C, to -15C on higher tops. 1000m early morning, rising to 1200m or above into afternoon.	0 or -1C. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C. 800 to 900m, rising slightly higher afternoon, but briefly lowering again in showers.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 27 March, 2025**

Low pressure passing close to northern Scotland later this week brings unsettled conditions. Chilly west to northwesterly winds - often gale force on higher terrain. Temperatures fluctuating just above and below freezing over the mountains, coldest on Friday when sub-zero on all hills above 800m - heavy showers with hail, and snow on tops. Rain and some snow on highest tops on Saturday, then an improving trend from Sunday into early next week high pressure rebuilds, bringing dry weather and lighter winds. Easterly winds may develop over England & Wales.

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