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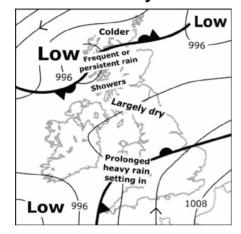
West Highlands

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, 12 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 12 November, 2025

Northern areas of the Highlands generally wet, the rain only gradually breaking up. Showers for the southwest Highlands. Dropping below freezing on northern tops later. Heavy rain sets in again across Wales, already flooding expected after previous rain. Mostly dry for much of Pennines, Lakes & south Scotland.

Headline for West Highlands

Varied at times strong wind. Showery rain, locally frequent.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 12 November, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 25 to 35mph in morning, becoming variable in speed and direction, local lulls particularly Lochaber middle of day into afternoon. By evening, quickly switching northeasterly, into night 35-50mph.		
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery conditions, marked wind chill in morning, becoming mostly small particularly inland and in Lochaber. Deteriorating after dark.		
How wet?	Rain most persistent toward north, showers		
(Precipitation and its impact)	Very wet underfoot with streams in spate and flooding, particularly southern areas following previous rain. Showery rain moving in from the west, most widely in the morning, fading in southern areas, but expect rain on and off much of the day in north Lochaber - later afternoon may start to push back further southwards.		
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive		
	Shrouding the mountains widely, banks of cloud at varied elevations, in places to some lower slopes. Into the afternoon, some breaks forming, mostly south towards the coast.		
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, a little weak sun mainly toward south. Misty areas, some improving visibility may develop.		
How Cold? (at 900m)	3 to 5C, coolest north Lochaber; tending to drop slightly from the north, then to 0C into night. Feeling like -5C if in stronger wind.		
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but tending to lower onto highest tops in Lochaber just as dusk arrives, lowering widely to 800m into night.		

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West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 13 November	Friday 14 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	Northeasterly 50mph, gusts 60mph early in day, lessening gradually during daytime to 35mph; then 25mph into night.	Easterly, strengthening again during day, 25 to 40mph, toward evening 50mph, sudden gusts downslope toward west.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult conditions across the mountains, some improvement, but powerful gusts likely all day. Significant wind chill.	Challenging walking conditions, buffeting gusts making balance increasingly difficult in places. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Rain and hill snow mostly south	Largely dry, rare flurries
(Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy snow mostly above 700m; rain lower elevations. Some heavier rain to tops near Arran in morning. Most persistent toward south, slowly fading to become light and patchy, or in Lochaber mostly dry.	Local occasional snow flurries mainly around Creag Meagaidh, possibly near/east of Loch Lomond and toward Arran. Spots of rain below 500m.
Cloud on the hills?	Most persistent south, breaks west	Covering some slopes, clearer west
	High tops shrouded most of the day, near Loch Lomond to Arran keeping lowest bases, slow improvement from north. Best of breaks to higher terrain on Mull and western slopes of Lochaber.	Banks of cloud above 800-1000m, mostly northeast from group Ben Nevis and locally Arran, possibly Callander area. Good breaks westwards, many hills often clear.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, some brighter breaks coastal Lochaber with time; a veil of high cloud. Very poor visibility in rain/snow, though improving.	Sunshine and thin high cloud, some patchy cloud. Slight haze possible, but visibility generally very good west Lochaber.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0C, up to +2C Arran around dawn. Lowering widely to -1C. Feeling like -15C in direct wind.	-2C (to -5C on Ben Nevis summit). Wind chill feeling like -15C over higher terrain, or colder late in day.
Freezing Level	800-900m; lowering slightly through the day.	700m, but near to freezing on some lower slopes early morning.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 13 November, 2025

High rainfall totals bring concerns for flooding again, risk more significant in Wales in the days ahead. A marked contrast of temperature north to south this week, but colder air to the north becomes more widespread into the weekend and early next week, leaving higher terrain below freezing for a run of days and some accumulating snow, mostly focused over northern Scottish mountains. Wind will vary, then become east-northeasterlies, gales Friday into Saturday, then a possible brief lull before turning northerly on Sunday. More uncertain outlook further into next week, but some further unsettled areas of low pressure currently show signs of remaining nearby - but often within a colder weather regime.

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