

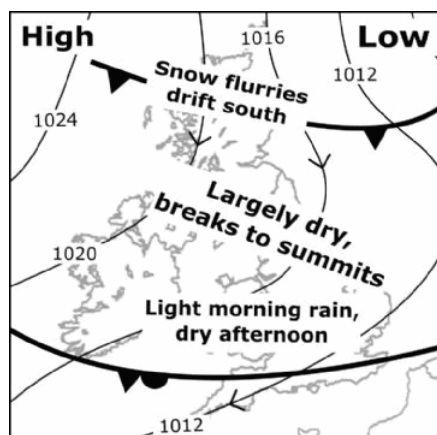
West Highlands

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, 16 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 November, 2025

Snow flurries (rain lower down) arrive in northwest Scotland early and slip into the central highlands. Mixed cloud and sun for southern Scotland and England; only odd light showers on easternmost hills, many hills clear. Drizzly showery rain early in Wales, abating with cloud lifting to high slopes.

Headline for West Highlands

Early sun, then cloud from the north; some flurries north later

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 16 November, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 15 to 20mph, to at times 25mph mainly higher Ben Nevis group. A rising trend afternoon with passing precipitation, reaching 30mph in exposure by dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small effect on walking from morning, but becoming blustery on exposed slopes with wind chill. Walking becoming strenuous after nightfall.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Some snow flurries develop north afternoon Dry through morning. Some snow flurries above 800m coming in from the north afternoon into Lochaber and around Creag Meagaidh. Falling as rain lower down, a few patches along the coast near Mull as well.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly very little Fragments around some upper slopes and possible local mist some glens, but many mountains free of cloud. Patches drifting onto high ground in northern Lochaber afternoon, may become more extensive over high terrain in the north and along the coast with time.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%, lowering to 30% northern areas
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine and some thin high cloud, then cloud tending to build from north with time. Visibility largely superb, becoming very poor later on tops where snow flurries fall.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0C most of the day, rising a degree along the coast in the mid-afternoon (up to 2C southern islands). Cooling again to below freezing after dark. Feeling like -7C in exposure to wind, down to -10C by dusk.
Freezing Level	Frost in glens, near or just below freezing at most elevations early in day; typical freezing level 900-1000m by midday.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 17 November	Tuesday 18 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly shifting northwesterly 15-25mph. Trending lighter from the west afternoon.	Low confidence - generally westerly around 15-30mph, though variable direction and speed; risk much stronger.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, though walking at times affected in exposure early. A notable chill in exposure.	Effects may be fairly small at times but beware sudden strengthening speeds and direction changes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Some coastal snow showers A few snow showers will drift onto the western islands, primarily Mull and Islay - snow likely down to middle slopes. Some snow showers in northern Lochaber as well.	Snow showers Snow showers inland merging into a more widespread area of snow for several hours. Showers will likely fall as rain along the coast, though as sleet or snow on highest coastal tops.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly northern coastal hills Cloud comes and goes around 900m or up on coastal slopes, maybe near Creag Meagaidh as well. Cloud increasingly shrouding high coastal Lochaber terrain southward to Mull and Islay. Southern inland areas likely cloud-free all day.	Likely extensive, some variability Most hills shrouded above 600-700m all day. Bases may locally rise with breaks towards high terrain, but also filling in to lower slopes during periods of snow/rain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%, lowering to 50% near the coast	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny, trending patchier in the north with high cloud building. Excellent visibility, though beware sudden deterioration if snow arrives.	Overcast with near-zero visibility during periods of snow which may be extensive and prolonged. Chance of bright breaks.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3C (to -6C on highest tops). Feeling as cold as -10C in direct wind.	Detail uncertain: -2C, warmer southern islands, 0C+. Perhaps warmer southern inland areas too.
Freezing Level	600-700m, highest near the coast. Frosts likely widespread into the glens at dawn.	Widely frozen inland at dawn. Higher along the coast, up to 800m, possibly towards tops of the southern islands.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 17 November, 2025

Cold air spreads widely across the country; staying below freezing over higher mountains most likely throughout the next week with morning frosts to lower elevations. Snow flurries move in onto slopes exposed to coasts; snow most frequent toward north of the Highlands with some locally more substantial accumulations over higher terrain. Sunny and dry for many away from the coasts on the northerly wind. Tuesday and Wednesday are more unsettled: broader areas of snow and rain pass southward with variable wind - navigation could become challenging in the Scottish Highlands on Tuesday with notable snow accumulations. West-northwesterly winds will likely return into next weekend, brining periods of rain and strong winds with intermittent drier, brighter spells.

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