

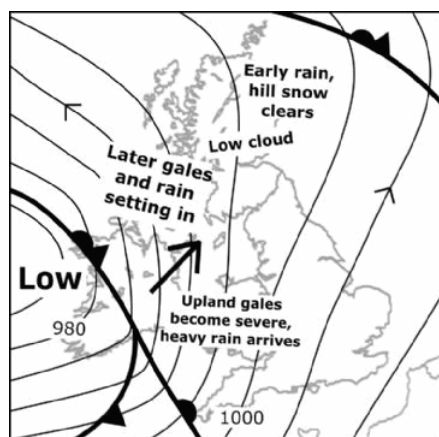
West Highlands

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 Friday, 5 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 5 December, 2025

South-southeasterly winds strengthen, reaching gale-force afternoon many areas, sooner Wales, here becoming severe. Some rain / hill snow NE Scotland fades, patchy rain west coasts, otherwise dry, then rain sweeps in from southwest later, snow inland mountains into evening. Best cloud breaks NW Scotland.

Headline for West Highlands

Gales develop, severe by evening. Patchy rain, low cloud south.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 5 December, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly, shifting southeasterly, 25-35mph, gusty around dawn, easing slightly for a few hours morning. Rising to 40-55mph afternoon, strongest soonest coast near Arran, further deteriorating after dark to 60-70mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Comfortable walking affected from dawn, easing for a few hours, but then deteriorating first southwest coasts, then more widely into night. Significant wind chill developing later.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	A little rain, then sets in from southwest later, hill snow inland evening Patchy morning sleet/snow drifts north and fades to only isolated pockets, if any inland Lochaber. Rain arrives to the southern islands afternoon, spreading widely and persistent into night; heaviest falls near Loch Lomond (snow above 800-1000m inland).
Cloud on the hills?	Southern coasts and near inland often shrouded Persistent cloud from middle slopes upward on coastal areas from Mull to Arran, as well as inland from Loch Lomond to Loch Lyon. More variable north, particularly Lochaber with some high breaks possible. Filling in more widely late into night.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40% Lochaber for a few hours, lowering to 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Any sun likely obscured by high cloud, thickening to be overcast. Good visibility in northwest Lochaber, but mistier inland toward south; turning widely poor as cloud and rain set in.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Around 0C, slightly warmer southern islands. Will rise a few degrees in the overnight hours. Feeling like -10C or nearer -15C as wind strengthens.
Freezing Level	Poorly defined inland, 600-800m, though frost at lower elevations, including in glens. Rising overnight variably to upper slopes.

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 6 December, 2025

Generally unsettled through the weekend and into next week with areas of low pressure circulating near to the British Isles. Day-to-day detail will be uncertain even in short-range as complex systems move around slowly - a series of frontal systems bringing spells of rain and some high-level snow, mixed with showers with hail mostly near western coasts. Temperatures often on the milder side compared to recently, with typically only higher tops in the Highlands intermittently just below freezing point, expect periods of thawing up to these tops. Wind speeds will also vary, often south to southwesterlies, at times reaching gale force on tops, but intermittent lulls.

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