

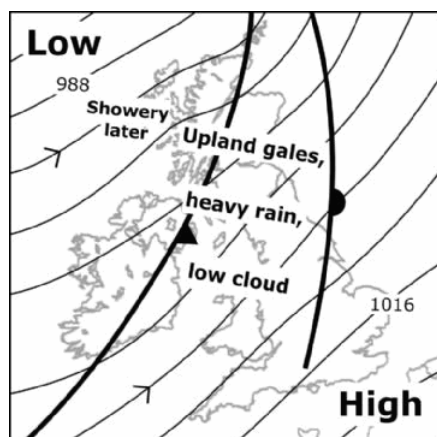
West Highlands

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, 17 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 December, 2025

Extensive gales across the hills. Rain preceded by early snow on higher terrain in the Highlands, lifting briefly above freezing to high tops. Showery bursts follow into western Scotland, heavy and frequent with hail later. England & Wales sees rain much of the day, spreading eastward, heavy at times.

Headline for West Highlands

Upland gales, severe high tops. Rain then heavy showers.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 17 December, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	South-southwesterly 50 to 60mph, in morning up to 70mph higher Ben Nevis group, powerful gusts downslope to north for a few hours. Lessening a little afternoon, to 35-40mph southern hills.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions over the mountains, walking difficult in exposure, particularly morning, sudden buffeting to some mid-slopes. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy rain then showers Rain and initially snow above 800-900m before dawn, soon turning to rain to higher slopes, persistent for several hours, widely heavy. Later breaking up into showers, these frequent with hail near coast around Mull. Wet underfoot, streams in spate. Beware icy surfaces on higher tops.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, higher bases afternoon Shrouding the hills widely, from mid-to-lower slopes in morning, then some rise of base during daytime, more often up to 900m, but rare if any breaks to upper slopes.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and murky. Skies may brighten and visibility improving if rain breaks up.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Soon up to 3C in morning, later starting to fall to 1C. Feeling like -12 to -15C directly in wind.
Freezing Level	Varying, 900-1000m pre dawn, rising above highest summits for several hours, then later dropping to 1100-1200m.

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 18 December, 2025

South-southwesterly winds widely remain gale force over the mountains later this week and through into Saturday, severe upland gales for periods. More heavy rain for England and Wales on Thursday, further flooding expected; rain spreads north into Scotland, falling as snow on Munros. Showery by Friday, most frequent in western Scotland with hail, also snow over tops. Another belt of persistent rain likely arrives from the west into Saturday, snow only highest Scottish tops. A switch to east-southeasterly winds by Sunday into early next week, some residual rain and high-level snow, but a drier theme develops and favouring chillier conditions into the Christmas period.

Forecast issued at 16:20 on Tuesday, 16 December, 2025

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