

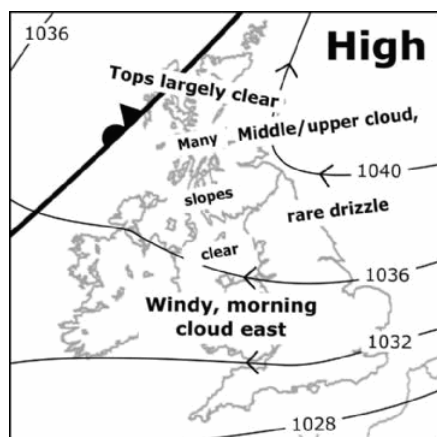
# West Highlands

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, 24 December, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 24 December, 2025

Patchy cloud on middle and high slopes of central and east Scottish Highlands, clearer west and north; high summits clear too. Most cloud in England stays east of the Pennines, little west including Lakeland where isolated to summits. Gusty wind in Wales, risk gales south; early cloud in the east will break.

### Headline for West Highlands

Some patchy mid-level cloud, clear summits; fairly light wind

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 24 December, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Easterly, trending southeasterly 15-20mph. Always strongest from Mull southward and towards Loch Lomond and notable gusts on high terrain.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Fairly small, though turbulent gusts around high terrain towards the south.
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>No precipitation expected</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly eastern middle slopes, many hills clear</b> Cloud banks cling to the middle elevation slopes from Glencoe to the southern islands, bases variable and may lower near Loch Lomond. Patchier further west and north, many coastal slopes Mull and north clear, though risk more cloud around Knoydart.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>90% (summits above cloud)</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunny on the summits above the cloud layer, also on lower slopes towards the west coast and north; very clear air here. More cloudy low slopes towards central highlands with a slight haze.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-1 or 0C towards the central highlands, several degrees warmer west towards the coast, locally up to +2C. Temperature rises with height above around 1000m, reaching 4C on sunny summits.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Poorly defined, around 700-800m Loch Lomond to Glencoe and Ben Nevis range, though high summits above freezing; many coastal slopes will remain above freezing.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 25 December	Friday 26 December
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southeasterly 15-25mph; some gustiness, strongest around Clyde sea lochs to Glencoe, risk up to 35mph.	Easterly 10 to 25mph, strongest in southern areas, gusty in places, tending to increase a little during daytime.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Fairly small for most, though turbulent gusts at all elevations, walking may be strenuous south with wind chill.</b>	<b>Fairly small in Lochaber, but feeling blustery and colder further south, some uncomfortable gusty spots.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>No rain expected</b>	<b>Dry all day</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Patches on middle slopes</b>  Patchy cloud forming on middle slopes, most frequently near Loch Lomond and Glencoe. Patchier near the west coast, well-scattered Lochaber with many clear mountains here. Higher terrain above cloud.	<b>Many hills clear, patchy cloud south</b>  Patchy fog mainly glens or lower slopes, the mountains generally clear. Mainly in eastern Loch Lomond NP, some cloud banks higher up, 600-900m, highest tops may be just above this cloud.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>80% (tops above cloud layer)</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine, best in Lochaber where may be fairly extensive. Excellent visibility.	Bright sunshine and excellent visibility, particularly Lochaber and west coast; locally misty lower down.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-1 to +1C, a degree warmer coastal Lochaber; summits warmer too. Feeling like -12C in strongest gusts.	0 to 2C, small variation with height inland, some corries and glens stay colder, whilst highest tops may be slightly warmer.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Poorly defined: locally above 700m central highlands, frost in glens; milder west slopes and highest tops.	Frost in many inland glens, terrain at least partly frozen higher up, but air temperature just above freezing on high tops.

## Planning Outlook

**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 25 December, 2025**

Christmas Day will be dry: easterly winds are dominant, strongest in England and Wales and most cloud east of the high tops: may be fairly sheet-like sometimes, though variably more extensive or broken, best of sun breaks in western areas. Turning cooler too, the coldest air in England and Wales with freezing levels reaching as low as 300-600m in east Wales, though poorly defined.

High pressure stays put to the north into the weekend, maintaining dry weather, easterly winds, and mixed cloud and sunshine, most of the cloud in eastern areas. Temperatures will be variable, becoming milder for a time in England and Wales, with poorly defined freezing levels.

**Forecast issued at 15:44 on Tuesday, 23 December, 2025**

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