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.

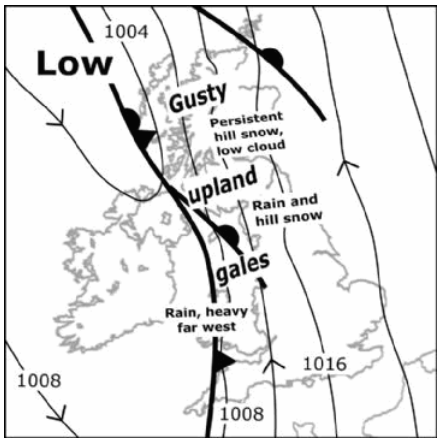
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General Summary for Tuesday, 24 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 24 November, 2026

Southeasterly gales over most mountains, powerful gusts toward some lower elevations. Hill snow fairly persistent for the southern Highlands, rain lower slopes; patchier northwards across the Highlands. Some hill snow for northern England, turning more to rain. Heavy rain toward west Wales.

Headline for West Highlands

Persistent snow and rain; powerful gales.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 24 November, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southeasterly, strengthening quickly with height, a very gusty 40-60mph. Ferocious gusts; some reaching valleys.
Effect of wind on you?	**Severe wind chill and very difficult walking where exposed. Gusts may well knock you over - even on some lower slopes.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Rain and snow much of day, heavier southern mountains** An area of rain, or away from coastal mountains, snow above 400 to 800m, lowest well inland; wetter with time west. Total precipitation smallest near and north of Glen Spean and Lochs Ossian and Treig, rarely ceasing elsewhere. Blizzards and whiteout over higher inland mountains much of
Cloud on the hills?	**Extensive, lowest south** Cloud base to 300-500m Loch Lomond NP and widely to 600-800m much of day. However, most cloud above 1000m near and north of Glen Spean.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**Almost nil south, to 20% north**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widely increasingly dull and misty with very poor in precipitation. However, brief glimpses of sun northern Lochaber where visibility very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Varied: 2 to -2C, generally highest near the coast. Will feel as cold as minus 15C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Very varied: between 600m inland, but toward the west coast and islands above freezing to some upper slopes.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 25 November	Thursday 26 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly 15 to 25mph, some gustier spots mainly around major summits inland.	South-southeasterly 35 to 50mph, likely strengthening during daytime, risk 60mph at least in gusts by afternoon high tops.
Effect of wind on you?	**Fairly small, but be aware of variable gusts not just on higher slopes, with marked chill factor if exposed to stronger wind.**	**Challenging walking conditions, becoming difficult on high terrain, powerful downslope gusts. Significant then severe wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Patchy snow flurries, more likely south** Remnants of overnight light snow continue to affect mainly southern areas into the morning, likely to fizzle out to leave just odd flurries of sleet or snow.	**Dry until evening** Toward or beyond dusk, patchy rain and upland snow flurries moving onto the islands then coast, making slow progress inland onward into evening, but risk of hill snow setting in widely into night.
Cloud on the hills?	**Covering many hills** Fairly extensive cloud across the hills with banks from lower elevations upward in southern areas in particular, perhaps all day. Best breaks northwest of Ben Nevis.	**Risk persistent south, breaks north** Variable cloud banks over southern mountains, may often cover slopes above 800m. Patchier caps over tops northwards, clearer northern areas in Lochaber.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**20%**	**40%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little if any weak sun due to layers of high cloud. Visibility very good where dry, poorer in snow mainly southern hills.	Weak sun at best through a thickening veil of high cloud from the west. Visibility very good, though some haze develops particularly nearer coasts.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to 2C, typically warmest toward coast; small variation with height inland. Feeling like -7C if in stronger wind.	-2C, slightly higher toward coast. Feeling like -15C to later nearer -20C directly in the wind on high tops.
Freezing Level	Inland much terrain partly frozen, including frost in glens in morning. Nearer coasts, may be above 1000m.	Much terrain frozen, thawing only on sunlit slopes up to 500m, or slightly higher near west coast.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 25 November, 2026

Staying near or below freezing across most mountains all this week with below-average temperatures for late November, much higher terrain persistently frozen and regular frosts into valleys and glens. Strong east or southeasterly winds prevail, gales at times. Largely dry midweek, some snow flurries mostly eastern hills. Further hill snow more widely into Friday may set in heavy as a front moves in from the west, rain lower western areas. In the extended outlook through the weekend and beyond, there is uncertainty about the extent of incoming Atlantic fronts and scope for further snowfalls , or any pushes of milder air trying to arrive.

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