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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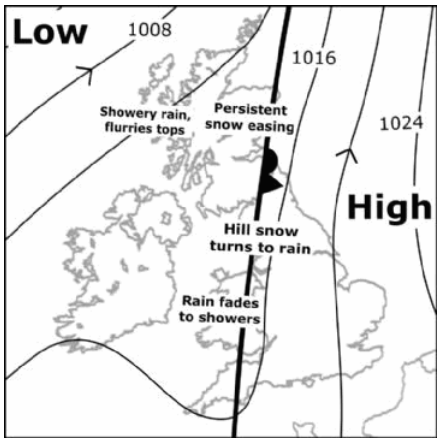
General Summary for Friday, 27 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 27 November, 2026

Substantial fresh lying snow over central & southeastern Scottish mountains; early snowfalls fading out, some flurries linger toward east Highlands. Northern England has a slow-moving band of rain, initially snow tops, also low cloud; clearing from Wales. Wind strongest for Pennines, also far NW Scotland.

Headline for West Highlands

Early snow inland, some rain showers; moderate breeze.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 27 November, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southwesterly 20 to 30mph, strongest mostly north and west from Ben Nevis group, often lower speeds well inland during day. (Prior to dawn, gales 50mph, stronger gusts, ease by first light).
Effect of wind on you?	**Mostly fairly small inland, more blustery toward coast mainly around Mull; prepare for marked chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Early snow fades, coastal showers** A period of snow across the hills inland from overnight up to dawn, rain lower elevations. Flurries mostly well inland into morning fading. A few rain showers mostly near west coast all day, some snow flurries higher slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	**Fairly extensive higher areas** Shrouding hills widely early in day, lowest bases over south-facing slopes, where banks may linger all day. Improving near coast and Lochaber; best chance for odd breaks to high tops near Glen Spean.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**20%, rising to 40% north Lochaber.**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Some glimpses of sun breaking through. Visibility poor at first, improving to be very good when dry and out of cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Around 0C; typically -1C inland in morning, or +1C near coast; gradual rise widely. Feeling like -7 to -10C if in stronger wind.
Freezing Level	Well inland 600m or partly frozen lower down at first, but near coasts 900-1000m or often higher; also tending to rise variably also further inland during the day to 900m.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 28 November	Sunday 29 November
How windy? (On the Munros) **Effect of wind on you?**	Southerly, speeds varying, 30 to 45mph, likely strongest coasts, also Ben Nevis, very gusty in places not just on tops. **Expect significant wind chill, in places challenging walking conditions on exposed terrain; buffeting gusts even lower down.**	Southwesterly, speeds likely to vary, often in range 40 to 55mph, but risk 70mph at least in gusts for periods high tops. **Expect challenging conditions all day, potentially any mobility difficult at times; significant wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Mostly small amounts of snow** Snow flurries over inland mountains, possibly frequent toward central highlands, patchier northwards; light rain toward coasts and on islands, risk persistent later moving in from west into evening.	**Frequent or persistent rain, snow tops** Often raining on western hills, snow mostly above 800m, may persist for a few hours widely, then more showery, but falling frequently near coast; risk of hail.
Cloud on the hills? **Chance of cloud free Munros?**	**Persistent southern areas, breaks north** Risk of extensive cloud banks cloaking southern mountains, perhaps elsewhere, but better breaks north Lochaber inland; some high tops may poke out of cloud. **10% south, 30% north**	**Extensive higher areas** Varying cloud bases, but often covering many mountains above 800m, some patches to 600m or lower near coast. Fleeting breaks higher up inland Lochaber. **20%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, weak sun through high cloud at best most places. Hazy, poor visibility if in snow and cloud; locally better northwards.	Little or no sun. Visibility very poor in rain, appalling in snow, but occasional improvements.
How Cold? (at 900m) **Freezing Level**	0 or 1C inland and small variation with height above around 700m; 3C near coast. Feeling like -10 to -15C in the wind. Coastal areas likely above freezing to higher slopes. Inland varied and poorly defined, but most high terrain frozen.	0 to 2C. Feeling like -12 to -15C in the wind. 900-1000m, slightly higher near coast and on islands. Likely rising above all tops into night and Monday.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 28 November, 2026

Snow cover on many Scottish mountains into the weekend, most notably central, east-southeastern areas. On Saturday, heavy rain for England & Wales as temperatures rise here, and even in Scotland a rise of the freezing level, though likely lowering slightly again on Sunday; a mix of rain and hill snow spreading in from the west. Gale-force south-southwesterly winds will be common over many mountains through the weekend and into early next week, but intermittent lulls will occur. Threat of severe gales widely on Monday accompanied by incessant heavy rain focused on western Scotland and a rapid thaw - the rain shifts south by Tuesday. Early December may then vary markedly, signs of a drier window for a time, whilst colder conditions could also soon return.

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