

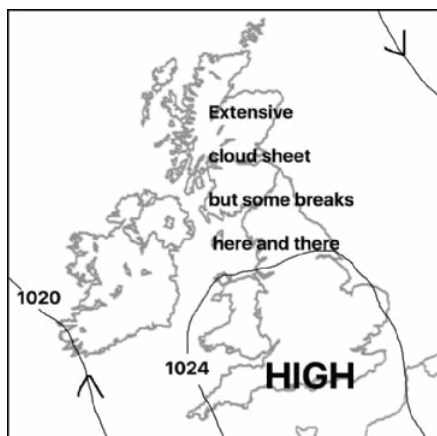
# West Highlands

Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area include Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, includes Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Includes Arran and Mull.



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## General Summary for Sunday, 18 October, 2020



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 18 October, 2020

Little wind across the hills for much of the day with extensive cloud sheet covering many higher slopes across the Highlands, but mainly above tops elsewhere. Here and there breaks in the cloud sheet giving sunshine. Mostly dry, but risk of a few showers; particularly W Scotland.

#### Headline for West Highlands

Little wind. Extensive cloud sheet, some breaks. Risk showers, especially west.

## Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 18 October, 2020

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Very little wind at all morning; will become westerly strengthening toward 15mph by dusk.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Negligible</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Risk of light showers</b> Extensively dry, although risk of a few light showers, giving hail or snow flurries on the Munros. Through the afternoon, the precipitation may become more extensive western hills.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly confined to highest tops</b> Extensive cloud sheet above 1100 to 1300m, although here and there breaks in this. Below, here and there, fragments of fog 'hanging' on higher slopes and corries, and also slowly on coastal hills, patches increasingly forming at around 600m.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Sunshine here and there for an hour or two; but generally extensive cloud. Excellent visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	0C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	950m

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 19 October	Tuesday 20 October
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southerly; typically in the range 30 to 45mph, although possibly less wind Lochaber for a periods after dawn.  <b>Increasingly likely to give significant buffeting and wind chill where exposed on higher areas.</b>	Low confidence in detail: South to easterly 15 to 30mph, perhaps substantial lull.  <b>May impede walking at times across higher slopes.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain; may become extensive</b> Rain for periods or perhaps falling most of daylight. Least rainfall near and north of Glen Spean.	<b>Extensive rain, may ease for a time.</b> Periods of rain throughout the day. Very wet underfoot from previous rainfall with burns and rivers in spate with some areas in flood.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>          <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Extensive</b>  Extensive or blanket fog from lower slopes up much of region, the lowest cloud base west of Loch Linnhe and southern Loch Lomond NP. Toward and north of Glen Spean and near Loch Ossian, periods where little cloud below 800m.  <b>10%</b>	<b>Extensive</b>  Cloud will very likely shroud the hills extensively throughout the day; widely to lowers slopes in rain.     <b>10%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine unlikely. General haze, and visibility widely poor in rain.	Mostly cloudy.  Visibility often poor due to rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	4C  Above the summits.	Around 5C  Above the summits.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 19 October, 2020

Low pressure will envelop Britain on Monday, heralding a change to intermittently windy weather and frequent periods of rain; particularly across Scotland where large accumulations will build up across the Southern Uplands and southern and western Highlands with conditions becoming very wet underfoot. Chiller again from Wednesday or Thursday with rain then falling as snow across the Munros.

### Forecast issued at 15:05 on Saturday, 17 October, 2020

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