

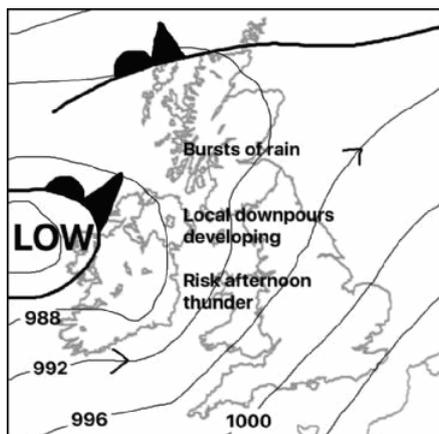
West Highlands

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, includes Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Includes Arran and Mull.



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General Summary for Monday, 10 May, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 10 May, 2021

Many areas dry from dawn, but patches of rain affecting some western hills, mainly near coast. Showers will develop more widely from mid morning with some torrential downpours forming in the afternoon with the risk of hail and thunder. Banks of hill fog in and around showers. Risk gales highest tops in Wales.

Headline for West Highlands

Showers developing; risk hail thunder in afternoon. Hill fog fairly extensive.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 10 May, 2021

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeast, later southerly; 15-20mph or sometimes less. Risk 30mph on Arran. May strengthen elsewhere later.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, but expect sudden gusts during or prior to heavy showers. Locally often blustery near coast.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Downpours increasingly; hail, risk lightning Bursts of rain some areas from dawn, mainly western hills, will form increasingly widely through the day, sometimes rain setting in over an hour or more. Some torrential bursts with hail. Risk of thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, breaks north Often shrouding higher mountains, although cloud bases will vary in and out of rain. Some patches forming to lower slopes at times. Most persistent around coastal areas. Best breaks to higher slopes northwards across Lochaber.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun, but cloud often filling in. Visibility often very good, but suddenly very poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C
Freezing Level	May be near zero above 1300m, otherwise above freezing.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 11 May	Wednesday 12 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly/southeasterly; 25 to 35mph from dawn, easing to 10-15mph by afternoon. Will impede walking for a few hours from dawn with some buffeting, but then becoming small.	Easterly 15 to 25mph; strongest in morning when risk of 30mph tops. May drop out later in the day. Will impede walking at times across higher slopes with some local buffeting.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers; particularly in west. Clusters of showers; these concentrated in across western coastal hills in the morning, but may develop inland at times. Falling as snow tops in morning.	Clusters of showers, risk thunder PM. Clusters of showers through the day; may merge to give prolonged rain for a few hours. By afternoon risk of some heavy pulses with hail and thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Often confined to high tops or above. Generally elevated cloud bases through the day; tops often clear although will form across higher slopes in and around showers; especially in morning west coast.	Fairly extensive higher tops. Varying in and out of showers; will often cover higher tops with bases fluctuating around 1000-1300m, but patches lowering in showers to 700m or below.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun, but cloud often filling in. Visibility often very good, but poor in showers.	Fairly cloudy, but occasional bursts of sun here and there. Visibility at times very good, but often suppressed due to rain.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	2C lifting to 6C by the afternoon. 1100m at first, but soon lifting above the tops.	3 to 5C; coldest in morning. Close to highest tops in morning, otherwise above summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 11 May, 2021**

Low pressure situated to the west of Britain brings unsettled and showery conditions next week, some heavy downpours with hail and thunder. Varied winds. Generally milder than recently; only close to freezing point on highest Scottish summits, a thaw of lying snow, becoming confined to patches on high tops. Northernmost mountains may drop colder after midweek if a northeasterly wind strengthens. Toward next weekend, high pressure building toward the north is likely to bring drier conditions for a time to west & northern Scotland; uncertainty about extent of improvement elsewhere.

Forecast issued at 15:17 on Sunday, 9 May, 2021

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