

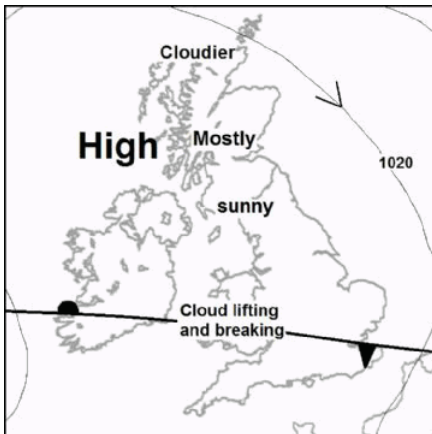
West Highlands

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 Friday, 15 October, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 October, 2021

A crisp autumn day with plenty of sunshine and light winds for many places. Frost at dawn, particularly Highland glens. Highest Scottish summits staying near or just below freezing all day. Remnants of a front brings mostly cloudy skies to mid & south Wales.

Headline for West Highlands

Dry and sunny, chilly. Light winds.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 15 October, 2021

How windy? (On the Munros)	West to northwest 5-10mph
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No precipitation expected
Cloud on the hills?	Very little if any Generally well broken cloud bases with hills mostly clear. Just the odd patch now and again drifting around the tops, mainly mountains toward the coast.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly sunny, although cloud may increase in afternoon. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to 2C. Will feel sub-zero despite only light winds on the tops.
Freezing Level	900-1100m, but also frost inland glens and some corries early in morning.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 16 October	Sunday 17 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwest turning southerly, 10-15mph or often less well inland, tending to strengthen, up to 30mph near coast. Mostly small, may deteriorate near west coast later in the day.	Southwesterly 15 to 30mph. Speeds may vary, but expect buffeting at times on higher tops, feeling cool where exposed.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Mainly dry daytime; wet into the night On odd patch of light rain or drizzle, mainly near coasts, but most of the day dry. Toward evening and particularly into night, increasing risk of steady rain developing, soonest near west coast.	Drizzly at times Rain from overnight is likely to break up, but may leave a legacy of patchy drizzle, mainly on western hills toward the coast. Well inland more likely often dry, occasional spots in the wind.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Probably very little all day inland Varied local cloud or fog banks from dawn, but many mountains may be largely clear for a good part of the day, particularly inland. Near coasts and sea lochs in south, risk of cloud banks on hills, may drift further inland at times. 70% inland/north; 40% coasts.	Extensive, lowest west Coastal areas and hills near sea lochs likely to be shrouded in cloud to lower slopes most or all day. Fairly extensive inland above 600 to 800m. Best breaks around upper Glen Spean, although the central highlands may improve. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A little sun mainly in the morning for Lochaber where visibility very good. Increasingly cloudy, may become dull or murky southern coastal areas.	Little if any sun. Murky west coast, visibility good below cloud well inland.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	Starting around 0C, rising slowly during day to 2 to 4C, highest near coasts in south, then 6C into evening and night. From dawn, sub-zero above 900 to 1100m, also frost inland glens. Will gradually rise above freezing all levels.	7C Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 16 October, 2021**

A chilly start to the weekend, but milder air returns from the southwest to all regions by Sunday. Some rain, although a fair amount of dry weather too this weekend. An unsettled week ahead as low pressure moves in from the Atlantic accompanied by a series of frontal systems. Often windy, periods of gales or severe gales on the mountains. Rain heaviest and most persistent in western areas. Mild southwesterlies early in the week, then colder air returns from the northwest later in the week - temperatures falling below freezing on high tops with showers of snow. Changeable conditions are expected to continue into late October.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Thursday, 14 October, 2021

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