

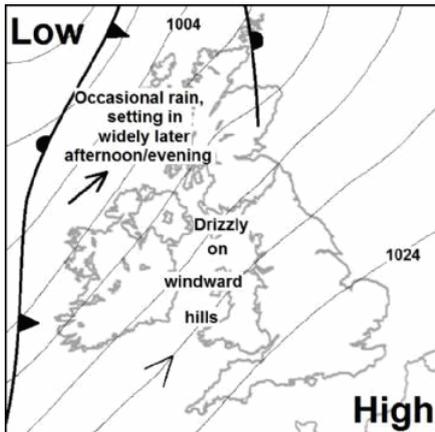
# West Highlands

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 Saturday, 23 October, 2021



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 23 October, 2021

Increasingly very windy, gales developing on most tops, severe gales higher mountains in Scotland. Drizzly rain on most southwest facing hills, plus steadier rain setting in for western Scotland afternoon onward. Milder, above freezing up to highest summits.

### Headline for West Highlands

Upland gales, becoming severe on tops. Often dry until late.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 23 October, 2021

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southerly 25mph or perhaps less inland for a time at dawn, but soon strengthening 40mph western areas. Reaching 50mph by middle of day onward, gusts 60mph higher summits in Ben Nevis range and around Mull.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Increasingly difficult conditions across higher terrain, mobility becoming very difficult on some higher and more exposed summits, powerful gusts locally downslope around Ben Nevis. Considerable wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Rain in west becomes widespread later</b> Pulses of rain most common in areas west of Loch Linnhe and around Mull, fairly persistent by middle of day here. Some hills well inland remaining often dry. Later in the afternoon, rain becomes increasingly widespread and will set in heavily, continuing into evening and first part of night.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Increasingly extensive higher slopes</b> Perhaps tops clear for a time after dawn, patches on some higher slopes. Cloud likely to increasingly lower across western hills through the day, forming to lower slopes near coasts. Inland, breaks above 900-1000m into early afternoon, but becoming more widely foggy in rain later.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>30% later below 10%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Soon becoming overcast.  Visibility good, but lowering as rain arrives.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	3 lifting to 6C. Wind chill where exposed feels like -5C, in places as cold as -10C in strongest winds on high tops.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 24 October	Monday 25 October
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	South to southwesterly, 25 to 40mph, typically strongest near coast, but also risk 50mph at dawn in central highlands. <b>Often blustery across most higher terrain, particularly coastal summits. Possibly difficult conditions inland just at first.</b>	Southwesterly 25 to 35mph. <b>Frequent buffeting and significant wind chill where exposed on higher terrain.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Early rain, showery bursts move in</b> Remnants of overnight rain may persist for a few hours from dawn. This tending to break up, before pulses of showery rain return from the southwest, later becoming more frequent, widespread and heavier.	<b>Showery</b> Frequent precipitation coming in from the west, sleet on the Munros, snow higher tops, occasional hail. Sometimes merging to be near constant for an hour or more. Heavy bursts, isolated thunder.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive, tending to break</b>  Extensive cloud shrouding most mountains at first, bases tending to rise, but covering areas near coasts & sea lochs above 700 to 1000m much of the day. Well inland, breaks are likely to form, to some higher tops in Lochaber.	<b>Often covering tops, lowest near coast</b>  Cloud bases varied in and out of showers, often covering tops above 800-1000m, sometimes below 600m near coasts. North and east from Rannoch Moor, breaks more common, at times clearing above 1000m.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20%, rising to 50% in Lochaber.</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mainly northern Lochaber, visibility good below cloud. Near west coast, a general haze.	Brief glimpses of sun, mostly well inland in Lochaber. Visibility good below cloud and away from showers, slight haze near coast.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	5 or 6C, tending to drop toward evening.  Above the summits, but will then lower into the night, near to freezing point above 1300m.	2 or 3C  Close to freezing on highest tops above 1200m.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 24 October, 2021**

A front advances eastward on Sunday, followed by a cool, blustery and showery pattern onward into Monday. Temperatures will vary during next week - highest Scottish summits will temporarily dip close to freezing point, but it will be often mild as southwesterlies prevail. Periods of gales or severe gales on the mountains. Frequent rain, some sustained heavy falls focused on western Scotland where flooding is possible through midweek. Less wet further south and east.

**Forecast issued at 7:58 on Saturday, 23 October, 2021**

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