

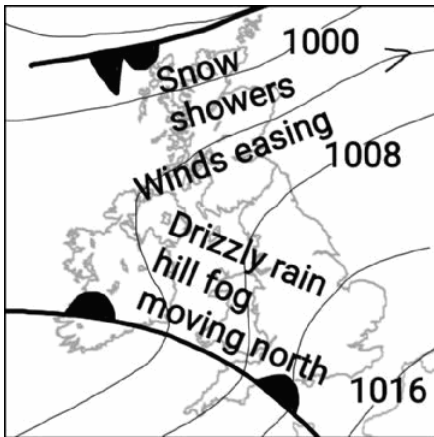
West Highlands

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 Tuesday, 13 February, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 February, 2024

Scotland; Southwesterly gales continuing to drive in showers, these of snow above 600-800m. Showers will ease, along with the wind, from the south in the afternoon.

England and Wales: Varied cloud and some drizzle at first, giving way from southwest to persistent rain and widespread hill fog.

Headline for West Highlands

Southwest gales, hill fog and showers, snow over 600-800m. Easing from south.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 13 February, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 40 to 50mph, risk 60-70mph for a time on Ben Nevis range tops in the morning; will lessen from the south in the afternoon to 20 to 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions, difficult on high tops in morning; significant wind chill. Conditions moderating during day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers fading, snow tops Showers pushing inland from the west coast, falling as snow above 700-800, also hail for a time, mainly Lochaber. Becoming fewer with time.
Cloud on the hills?	Often covering tops Capping higher tops much of the day, lowest in precipitation and in west. Some breaks to upper slopes east from Ben Nevis range.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, glimpses of sun. Visibility intermittently good, but very poor in showers, whiteout if in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1 to +1C, highest on Arran. Wind chill feeling like -15C or below in morning, easing with time.
Freezing Level	800 to 1000m, highest near coast toward south; rising slightly during daytime.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 14 February	Thursday 15 February
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Low confidence of forecast details: Risk east-southeasterly, perhaps 30mph or higher in south. Local lulls possible. May be fairly small, but risk of blustery and locally gusty conditions around some mountains.	Southeasterly, perhaps only 15mph or less at first, but increasing to 25 to 40mph through the day, increasingly gusty. Increasingly blustery and gusty towards and into afternoon, with significant wind chill. Sudden gusts running downslope.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk snow flurries or rain south Risk of snow flurries pushing up from the south, may become persistent Loch Lomond NP. Turning to sleet or rain coastal areas to upper slopes.	Local showers, then rain/summit snow. A few pockets of fine drizzle here and there where in cloud, or snow grains tops. Then increasing risk of persistent rain moving in from south, snow on the tops.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Risk filling in south Varied conditions, possibly some hills clear toward north, but banks of cloud likely to develop from south, risk filling in around Arran into Loch Lomond NP. 50%	Extensive Extensive cloud layers across the hills at varying heights. Some down to lowest slopes. Some breaks, here and there, perhaps between cloud layers. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly extensive high cloud, may be overcast and dull in south. Visibility good in north, risk murky south.	Overcast. Visibility increasingly poor and murky as rain and summit snow moves in.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-1 to +1C, highest toward coast and south. Feeling colder if wind increases. Around 800m, or likely higher near coast, may rise further in south. Frost in some Lochaber glens after dawn.	1 to 3C, but feeling closer to -10C in the wind. 1000-1200m at first, may lift to highest tops or in the south above.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 14 February, 2024

A mixed week ahead as areas of low pressure rotate in from the southwest bringing spells of rain of hill snow and sometimes showers. Least precipitation typically for the Cairngorms. Higher pressure to the north of Scotland by midweek may then become more extensive for a time by next weekend, allowing some drier conditions. Wind speed and direction very variable, often west or southwesterly, but easterly for time during midweek for Scotland; lulls mixed with spells up to gale force on higher areas. Scottish mountains generally staying sub-zero, maintaining snow coverage widely here during the week ahead. High tops in England & Wales lifting above freezing point by midweek for a time.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Monday, 12 February, 2024

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