

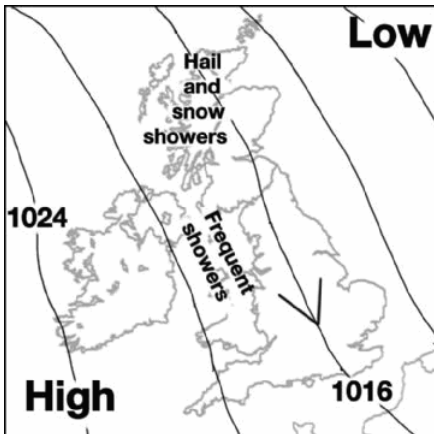
West Highlands

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 Thursday, 12 September, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 September, 2024

Very cold for September; hail and snow in showers across the mountains in Scotland, and hail and sleet highest tops Snowdon range (where precipitation frequent). Elsewhere, a few brief showers and frequent bright sunshine. Nevertheless, feeling well below freezing point across the mountains directly in the wind.

Headline for West Highlands

Snow and hail showers. Feeling bitterly cold in the wind.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 12 September, 2024

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Northwesterly, mostly around 25mph, but particularly near showers and on higher tops sometimes 30mph.</p> <p>Overall will drop slowly through the day.</p> <p>Will impede ease of walking on higher areas, and mainly near showers and on highest tops, buffeting considerable, particularly morning. Marked wind chill.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Frequent hail and higher up, snow showers</p> <p>Showers throughout the day; sometimes frequent: of hail, or above 750m snow, although by afternoon well inland snow confined above 1000m - the snow lying on highest tops.</p> <p>Fewest showers well inland - particularly in morning.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Extensive higher slopes, particularly morning toward the coast</p> <p>Cloud widely across higher areas from dawn.</p> <p>By mid or late morning, most cloud above 900m near the coast and 1050m well inland, but cloud base dropping abruptly near precipitation, sometimes below 600m at least near the coast.</p> <p>20% rising to 40%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Glimpses of sun; although well inland, Loch Lomond NP and Arran, the sun 'in and out'.</p> <p>Abruptly poor visibility in precipitation, but otherwise good, although often a haze, particularly western mountain.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>0C, rising a little though day particularly well inland.</p> <p>Directly in the wind will feel as cold as minus 10C.</p> <p>900m; rising marginally near coast, and toward 1300m well inland.</p>

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 13 September	Saturday 14 September
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West backing southerly 20mph, easing morning 10-15mph (strongest Lochaber). Late in day strengthening toward 40mph. Mostly small toward evening, anticipate significant buffeting and wind chill.	Southwesterly between 45 and 55mph, strongest Lochaber. Near central belt, nearer 40mph, perhaps 35mph Arran. Widely very difficult conditions: significant wind chill and walking arduous. You may be blown over where exposed on higher slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional showers; later constant rain Occasional brief showers, although very few Loch Lomond NP and well inland elsewhere. Rain setting in from west through afternoon.	Rain; most perhaps all day Widespread rain, heavy in many areas. May ease or clear from west later in day. Generally least rainfall near central belt, particularly Arran.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Mostly confined to higher tops - later becoming extensive from west Cloud base between 600m near showers and otherwise 900m or above, with higher tops, particularly well inland often clearing. Near the coast and Loch Lomond NP deteriorating later in rain as fog forms from lower slopes. Elsewhere, cloud base slowly lowering. 70%, later 10% from southwest	Very extensive; widely shrouding lower slopes. Generally, fog from lower slopes up; may improve markedly later in day. Higher cloud bases will be north of Rannoch Moor. Toward and north of Glen Spean cloud base typically 700 to 1000m. May improve from west later in day. 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunny spells morning, then increasingly cloudy. Visibility mostly excellent, but later poor in rain.	A little sun may come through later in day. Extensively misty, but visibility may become good later in day.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	1C, rising to 4 to 6C, warmest well inland. 1050m, gradually lifting above the summits. Widespread frost lowland and upland valleys post dawn.	9C. Will feel as cold as minus 3C directly in the wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 13 September, 2024

Turning warmer from the weekend. Very little rain for a week to ten days (perhaps longer) for England and Wales, but in Scotland, particularly western mountains, rain (mainly Saturday and Monday - although the precise timing uncertain), Around Tuesday the fine warm water will extend across Scotland.

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