

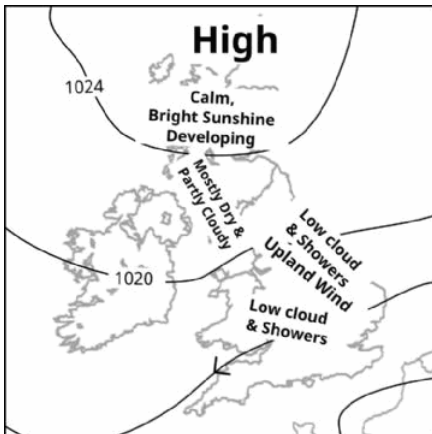
West Highlands

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 Wednesday, 2 October, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 2 October, 2024

Sunny and dry in the Highlands, only glens in cloud in the morning. Rare showers in southern Scotland, more frequent in northern England - Lake District shall stay mostly dry, some sun here. Wet & cloudy morning in Peak District and on most Welsh hills, there slowly improving.

Headline for West Highlands

Mostly light winds, cool, widely sunny and dry

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 2 October, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly or variable, 10-15mph or less Lochaber, to 20mph southern areas.
Effect of wind on you?	Small most areas, but breezier in south, gusty conditions may slightly affect comfortable walking toward Arran.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain not expected
Cloud on the hills?	Little most places, fog patches at start Patchy cloud may drift over some slopes in Loch Lomond NP and Arran. Otherwise most mountains cloud free, but early fog in some glens, rising but dispersing in the morning.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny and excellent visibility Lochaber to Mull. More cloud typically Loch Lomond to Arran in the morning, a slight haze here.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5C, rising slightly by afternoon.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but frost at dawn inland glens and some sheltered higher areas.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 3 October	Friday 4 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly, 15-20mph in the morning, later 25-30mph west of Loch Linnhe. Fairly small, locally can make walking inconvenient on higher exposed paths.	Southerly 40 to 50mph, perhaps locally 55mph on Ben Nevis and most exposed coastal hills. Very gusty. Walking arduous, keeping balance on ridges and exposed paths almost impossible. Conditions locally severe.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain not expected	Rain on and off in the west Spells of rain west of line Fort William-Arran. Toward the east rain possible, but rare if any and unlikely before noon.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Hills clear, fog patches in valleys Patches of morning fog in some valleys, up to 400m (cloud top). Cloud rising a little through the day, largely breaking and dissipating. 90% above morning fog	Extensive Cloud widely above 800-1000m, on islands and south facing slopes exposed to wind, especially those close to the sea cloud base may be much lower, even 300-500m. Morning fog inland glens possible. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunny with fair weather clouds. Excellent visibility.	Glimpses of sun in the morning toward the east, soon becoming mostly cloudy or overcast. Very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5 to 8C Above the summits, but frost at dawn inland glens and some sheltered higher areas.	6 to 8C, feeling below -5C in strong wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 3 October, 2024**

Dry and sunny Thursday, on Friday only in western Scotland deteriorating conditions, especially beware of severe winds in Highlands in general. Lowering pressure and southwesterly winds toward the weekend brings an unsettled spell- rain at times, briefly milder air. Likely turning colder again during the weekend onward into early next week. Cold and showery toward next Wednesday.

Forecast issued at 7:31 on Wednesday, 2 October, 2024

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