

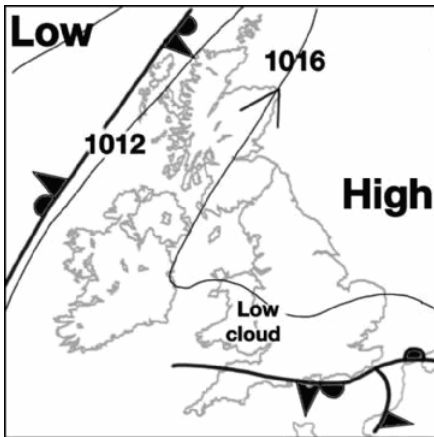
West Highlands

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 Monday, 14 October, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 October, 2024

Sunshine and light wind on most mountain areas. However, in Wales, low cloud after overnight rain (mainly S Wales), and mist will lift only slowly from the north and west. A weakening front off the coast of NW Scotland will bring a little rain at first, and on Skye, extensive very low cloud.

Headline for West Highlands

Extensively dry; cloud lifting above most summits.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 14 October, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly, 15mph, but perhaps for a few hours 20mph west of Loch Linnhe and on Mull 25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation unlikely Small threat of a little light rain (snow flurries above 900m) morning - areas west of Loch Linnhe most at threat.
Cloud on the hills?	Summits extensively cloud free Some uncertainty in extent of low cloud at first, but during morning becoming confined above 900m before nearly all clearing in afternoon. Mull may be slower to clear; cloud may persist on highest slopes all day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% rising to 70% by mid afternoon
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensively cloudy morning. Slowly cloud breaking to give sunshine Loch Lomond NP, Arran and central highlands by early afternoon, and a little sun coming through elsewhere.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1C; tending to rise toward 4C.
Freezing Level	950m, gradually rising above the summits. Widely frosty lowland and upland valleys after dawn.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 15 October	Wednesday 16 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly, varied speeds; typically 25 to 35mph, but 40mph, perhaps 50mph in some, particularly coastal areas afternoon. Fairly small some areas, but widely considerable wind chill and walking arduous; sudden gusts (including on lower slopes) may knock you over.	Southerly; tending to ease through day from 35 to 55mph after dawn toward 25 to 35mph by dusk. Very gusty. Considerable buffeting and wind chill where exposed. Sudden powerful gusts, sometimes on lower slopes may blow you over.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly rain mainly near central belt The odd patch of light rain, although very likely dry Lochaber east of Loch Linnhe. Intermittently drizzly Lcch Lomond NP, Mull, Jura and near Clyde sea lochs.	Raining most or all day Frequently raining, In Lochaber, particularly east of Loch Linnhe, the rain sometimes little more than 'spots in the wind', and total rainfall fairly small.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Ranging from very little Lochaber to persistent toward central belt Loch Lomond NP, Mull, Jura and near Clyde sea lochs: Persistent fog above 400 to 600m, perhaps lower Arran to Mull. Higher cloud base elsewhere, but mountains north from Glencoe and east of Loch Linnhe, probably intermittently cloud free. 10%, but 40% Lochaber	Mountains persistently cloud covered Cloud base widely between 300m and 600m. Generally higher cloud base northwards across Rannoch Moor, In Lochaber, east of Loch Linnhe, often above 750 to 1000m. 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widely dull and misty; but improving inland northwards into Lochaber where intermittent sun and very good visibility.	Rare sunshine coming through, mainly near & north of Glen Spean and Loch Treig. Frequently misty as visibility reduced by rain, particularly near coast and Loch Lomond NP.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	8C; although as low as 4C in cloud. Will feel colder than freezing point directly in the wind. Above the summits	8 to 11C, coldest where in cloud. Will feel below freezing point directly in the wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 15 October, 2024**

Deteriorating over the next few days as wetter conditions, concentrated in most western mountains extends off the Atlantic. There will be bouts of upland gale, but only rarely on highest summits will temperatures drop below freezing point. Least rainfall is likely in the northern NW Highlands (north of Torridon).

Forecast issued at 7:29 on Monday, 14 October, 2024

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