

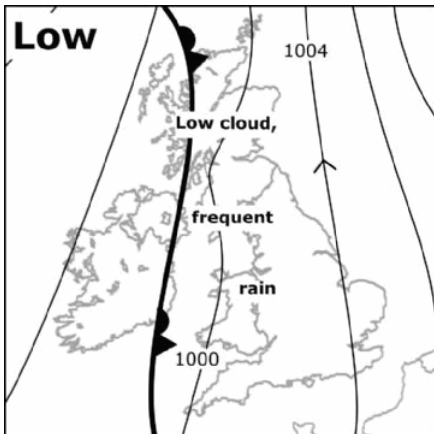
# West Highlands

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, 16 October, 2024



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 16 October, 2024

Gale force southerly winds, very gusty over the mountains, lessening from the west. Generally wet with low cloud across all regions, but northwestern Scotland seeing smallest amounts of rain, locally dry for periods. Some heavier periods of rain extending northwards over England, Wales & southern Scotland.

### Headline for West Highlands

Upland gales easing. Wettest and lowest cloud in south.

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 16 October, 2024

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southerly; tending to ease through day, from 35 to 55mph after dawn into morning, toward 25 to 35mph into afternoon, least wind toward dusk. Very gusty, particularly downslope north of major summits.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Considerable buffeting and wind chill where exposed in the morning. Sudden powerful gusts, sometimes on lower slopes may blow you over. Improving with time.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Raining most or all day, heaviest south</b> Frequently raining widely, but the most persistent falls over Loch Lomond NP, heavy at times. In Lochaber, particularly east of Loch Linnhe, the rain sometimes little more than 'spots in the wind', and total rainfall fairly small.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mountains persistently cloud covered</b> 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.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	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.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	8 to 11C, coldest where in cloud. Will feel below freezing point directly in the wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 17 October	Friday 18 October
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southerly, 10 to 20mph, occasionally 25mph higher summits and tops nearest to coast. <b>Mostly small, but sometimes may start to affect balance on exposed higher ridges.</b>	South to southwesterly, starting 40mph and deteriorating, becoming 50-60mph on tops. <b>Difficult conditions, becoming severe, walking hardly possible on exposed paths. High wind chill factor.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Small amounts rain, often dry inland</b> Remnants of overnight rain leaving pockets of drizzle early morning, tending to fade inland, although coastal areas may keep drizzle on and off, locally a brief light shower.	<b>Dry start, persistent rain afternoon</b> Likely dry morning, perhaps damp with a local shower on Arran or Mull. More widespread rain moving in from the southwest around noon, becoming persistent. Increasingly heavy toward the evening.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Fairly extensive, lowest coasts</b>  Varied banks of low cloud, plus fog in some glens from dawn. Tending to lift to higher slopes, but shrouding many tops all day, some breaks north/east of Ben Nevis. Very low cloud may cloak coastal hills all day.	<b>Progressively more extensive</b>  Cloud extensive, some breaks possible at first, at best toward Upper Spey. Cloud base descending to cover hills down to lower slopes by the afternoon.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>10% coasts, to 40% inland Lochaber.</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, best toward Glen Spean. Visibility very good out of cloud, but many coastal hills may remain misty.	Little to no sun.  Becoming dull, poor visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b> <b>Freezing Level</b>	6 to 8C, coolest in cloud.  Above the summits	6 to 9C. Wind chill feeling well below freezing.  Above the summits.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 17 October, 2024

South to southwesterly winds will prevail over the next week or more, bringing mild or very mild temperatures, but an unsettled outlook with periods of rain, heavy at times. Temperatures will stay above freezing to higher tops, so recent snow cover will all thaw. Generally least rain toward north-northwest Scotland (north of about Torridon). Thursday is drier for many places. Rain on and off onward into the weekend. Frequently windy on the hills - Friday and then Sunday likely to be the windiest days during the week ahead - reaching storm-force winds on higher mountains. Next week, higher pressure may expand over England and Wales at least for periods.

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