

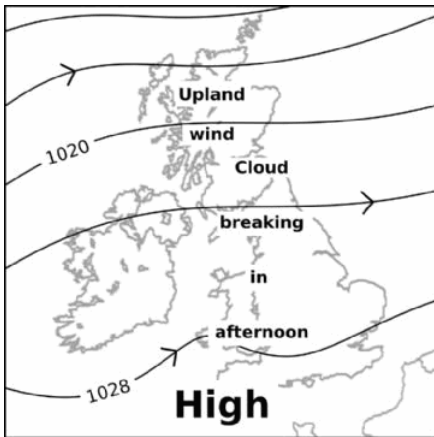
# West Highlands

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, 22 October, 2024



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 22 October, 2024**

Upland wind in the Scottish Highlands but lighter elsewhere. Frequent showers or drizzle in the morning, falling as sleet or hail on the higher Scottish summits. These will tend to ease in the afternoon causing the extensive morning cloud to lift and break a little.

### Headline for West Highlands

Upland wind. Showers easing and cloud breaking in the afternoon.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 22 October, 2024

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	West to southwesterly between 25 near Clyde sea lochs and 35, perhaps 40mph higher summits Lochaber.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Widespread buffeting and considerable wind chill on higher areas.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Frequent showers morning; hail and sleet</b> Showers throughout the morning, sometimes one after another. Tending to ease into the afternoon, with very little by dusk. Hail and above 1050m wet snow.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Persistent fog higher slopes; highest cloud base well inland. Breaking in afternoon.</b> Cloud base will vary, dropping near precipitation. Typically in the range 500 to 800m, but often a couple of hundred metres higher central highlands. Tending to lift and break in the afternoon.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20% becoming 60%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun only, mainly lower slopes well inland. Persistent haze.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	3C. Will feel around -8C directly in the wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	1250m.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 23 October	Thursday 24 October
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southwest, backing toward southerly, in the range 40 to 55mph, strongest higher tops Lochaber, least wind near central belt. <b>Significant wind chill and difficult walking conditions where exposed. You could be blown over higher up, most likely Lochaber.</b>	Southerly 40 to 50mph with powerful down-slope gusts.  <b>Challenging walking conditions. Gusts will affect your balance and may blow you over. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Drizzly, mainly near coast</b> Extensively dry north from Glen Spean and near Lochs Treig and Ossian. Elsewhere, pockets of drizzle, most frequent west from Loch Linnhe, near Glen Etive and near Clyde sea lochs where drizzly frequently or on and off all day.	<b>Pockets of drizzly rain</b> Inland regions will remain mostly dry, but pockets of persistent drizzly rain on coastal upslopes. Some of these may penetrate inland at times. More organised rain arriving in the evening.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>     <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Extensively shrouding higher areas; very low cloud base near coast</b>  Toward the coast (including west of Loch Linnhe and near Glen Etive): Fog from 300 to 450m all day. Elsewhere: Cloud base typically 600 to perhaps 900m, highest Lochaber.  <b>10%</b>	<b>Extensive</b>  Cloud will shroud the hills from lower coastal slopes for much of the day, with the cloud base highest inland towards the north.  <b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine coming through north from Glen Spean and Lochs Ossian and Treig. Persistently hazy; misty where drizzly.	Little sunshine and some haze.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	6C. Will feel as cold as minus 8C directly in the wind.  Above the summits	5C. Feeling as cold as -10C in the wind.  Above the summits.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 23 October, 2024**

Generally humid and windy conditions over the next few days bringing lots of low cloud and some drizzle on western coasts. More organised rain at times from Friday and into the weekend but the potential development of a low pressure near Ireland is giving some uncertainty. Temperatures likely fluctuating over the weekend with higher summits below freezing at times.

**Forecast issued at 7:58 on Tuesday, 22 October, 2024**

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