

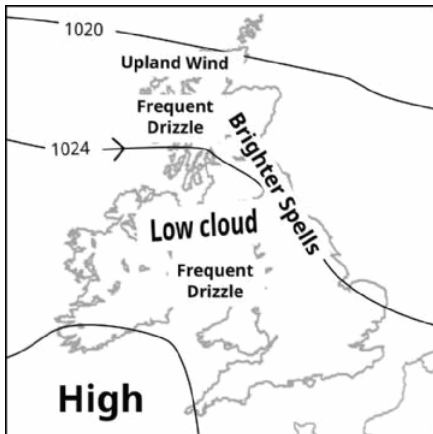
West Highlands

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, 29 October, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 29 October, 2024

Widespread low cloud, mostly dry except for western Scotland and local drizzle on hills near western coasts (Snowdonia, Lake District). Cloud breaking above eastern slopes, letting some sun through. Mostly light winds, breezier on Highlands, in the far north windy. Mild.

Headline for West Highlands

Windy, dull, frequent drizzle or light rain

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 29 October, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	West to southwesterly, 15 to 20mph, gusts over 30mph possible mainly Ben Nevis range.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but gusty on some slopes, may start to affect balance on exposed ridges. Marked wind chill on higher terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly coasts Feeling damp on coastal hills and islands, drizzly rain at times. Small amounts further inland, often dry toward central highlands.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, lowest coasts Covering coastal hills and islands persistently from lower slopes upward. Progressively inland, cloud bases higher, sometimes above 500m east of Ben Nevis. Highest summits possibly above the cloud.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Grey and dull most areas, some improvements well inland, good visibility below cloud, rare glimpses of sun.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5 to 7C. Feeling near freezing in exposure to wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 30 October	Thursday 31 October
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly, strengthening from 10-20mph to 25-35mph in the evening.	Southwesterly, 40 to 55mph, although it may be almost calm in some glens.
Effect of wind on you?	Small at first, locally becoming strenuous in the afternoon, increasingly gusty.	Difficult conditions, if exposed gusts likely to throw you off balance, walking very arduous if possible at all.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Local drizzle and rain possible afternoon Mostly dry, local pockets of drizzle in the morning. Toward the evening increased risk of rain in Lochaber.	Local drizzle mainly west Risk light rain or drizzle, may be fairly persistent on some coastal hills.
Cloud on the hills?	Hills covered extensively, breaks on tops Thick low cloud from glens to above most tops, highest summits should stay above the cloud at least part of the day. During the day cloud slowly thinning and perhaps breaking.	Extensive, but tops may stay cloud-free Very low cloud persistent most of the day, tops and slopes above 600-800m should stay above cloud at least parts of the day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Very little or no sun. Mostly poor visibility.	Very little or no sun, except for highest tops where above the cloud sky may be clear. Excellent visibility above the cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5 to 9C. Highest summits perhaps warmer. Feeling below freezing in wind, increasingly bitter toward evening.	6 to 10C. Severe wind chill makes it feel like below freezing.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 30 October, 2024**

West to southwesterlies prevail with high pressure extending across Britain for rest of the week, keeping dry conditions for most, although some rain may continue to affect northwest Scotland. Low cloud fairly widespread, some fog into valleys, with local inversion conditions developing. On Friday chillier northwesterly air is likely over the Highlands, dropping to freezing over higher Scottish mountains, some showers with snow - elsewhere dry and staying mild. Later back to west and southwesterlies, high pressure shows signs of keeping most of Britain dry until end of next week.

Forecast issued at 16:11 on Monday, 28 October, 2024

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