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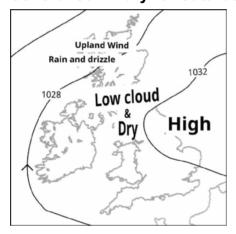
# **West Highlands**

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 Saturday, 2 November, 2024



# British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 2 November, 2024

Widely dull and murky, breaks in cloud most likely in eastern Scotland and western Wales. Rain or drizzle in West and Northwest Highlands, elsewhere most likely dry. In northern Scotland windy, elsewhere mostly light winds. Mild.

## **Headline for West Highlands**

Dull, drizzle, locally windy, mild

# Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 2 November, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly, mostly 10 to 20mph, toward Ben Nevis and north of it 25-30mph at times.	
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, around Fort William blustery on higher terrain, considerable wind chill and balance slightly affected.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Local drizzle near coast Light rain or drizzle may briefly affect hills near the coast, especially in the morning, but most places dry during the day.	
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, chance breaks inland  Hills covered densely from lower slopes upward, particularly near to coasts. Inland, little higher chance for afternoon breaks but most likely also dull. Some very highest tops may emerge just out of cloud.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Very little or no sun, although highest tops may stick out from the cloud at times.  Poor visibility due to extensive cloud.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	7 or 8C, wind chill brings temperatures down to near freezing.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	

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#### West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 3 November	Monday 4 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly or variable, mostly 10mph or less, on coastal hills perhaps 15-20mph.	Variable, 10-15mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Small.	Small or negligible.
How wet?	Extensively dry, risk local drizzle	Rain unlikely
(Precipitation and its impact)	Chance localised drizzle toward the coast.	Extensively dry, but drizzle here and there Loch Lomond NP and Arran to Mull.
Cloud on the hills?	Fog or cloud mostly lower elevations	Extensive - perhaps highest tops above cloud
	Low cloud in glens and up to mid-slopes, from around 700-900m upward clear or at least between cloud banks at times. Cloud may persist the whole day on some lower slopes, particularly southern areas.	Cloud probably extensive above 600 to 900m, although may break up northwards across Lochaber - where higher tops could be above the cloud. Additionally, fog lower slopes, particularly morning Loch Lomond NP and Arran to Mull.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Plenty of sunshine and excellent visibility if above the cloud. Hazier or misty lower down in morning, particularly in south.	Sunshine coming through in some areas, particularly Lochaber. Hazy (though where above the cloud excellent visibility).
How Cold? (at 900m)	Around 10C, lower down colder.	5C
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

## **Planning Outlook**

# All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 3 November, 2024

High pressure conditions for the weekend and beginning of next week. Inversion developing means often very misty or cloudy, but tops sometimes above cloud - especially the Munros. Southwesterly winds, dry and mild conditions. Such scheme holds until Tuesday afternoon, when a weak front passage will deteriorate weather for a day along the western coastal mountains especially. Later another few days of often cloudy, but dry and even warmer weather. Winds may speed up again end of next week. During the weekend, more often wet conditions are likely, but at this stage uncertainty is still fairly high.

#### Forecast issued at 16:25 on Friday, 1 November, 2024

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