

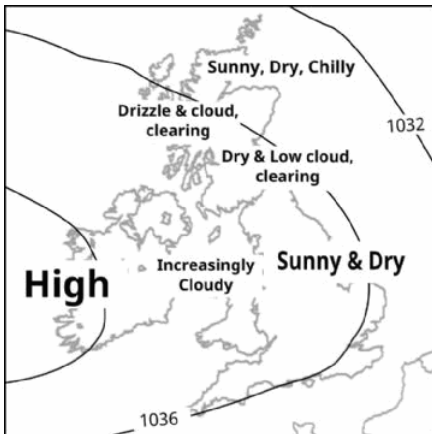
West Highlands

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, 13 November, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 November, 2024

Mix of sun and often very low clouds covering the hills. In Highlands most sunshine afternoon, in Peak District and south Wales sunny most of the day. Southern Pennines and Lakes much sunnier than northern parts. Mild, light winds, chance for inversion conditions on the Munros.

Headline for West Highlands

Cloudy, drizzly and dull start, often becoming sunny

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 13 November, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	West or northwesterly ranging from 25-30mph higher tops Lochaber, to 15-20mph Arran and southern Loch Lomond NP.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly fairly small, although in Lochaber noticeable wind chill and walking sometimes strenuous.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly showers, particularly near coast Drizzly rain on and off; particularly near and west of Loch Linnhe south to Mull and near Glen/Loch Etive. Rain only occasionally Arran and southern Loch Lomond NP. Craeg Meagaidh and east of Ben Nevis likely dry all day.
Cloud on the hills?	Blanket of fog over the hills, often clearing Frequent fog across the hills, cloud base 300m or lower near the coast, and 400 to 600m elsewhere. Ben Nevis summit may be above cloud. In the afternoon away from the coast hills often clearing.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20% rising to 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widely dull and particularly near the coast often misty at first, into the afternoon becoming sunny except from Arran to Mull and Western Lochaber. Good visibility
How Cold? (at 900m)	7C, in wind feeling like below freezing.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 14 November	Friday 15 November
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northwesterly, strongest western Lochaber, Mull, Kintyre and Arran (15-25mph), elsewhere 10-15mph. Mostly small, breezy and slightly affecting comfortable walking on some islands.	Southwesterly turning westerly, 35 to 55mph, weakest south, strongest north. Strengthening during the day. Gusty. In the south walking strenuous, elsewhere any movement on exposed terrain will be difficult, balance hard to keep.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Locally drizzle or light rain Occasional drizzle on the western coastal hills, risk highest Western Lochaber.	Frequent rain, becoming persistent Showers on and off, rain becoming persistent and heavy for a time during the afternoon. Arran and Loch Lomond NP may escape almost dry first half of the day, here more rain firstly in the afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly covered Mist or fog in glens, partly clear upward at start, during the day soon cloud becoming extensive on higher slopes.	Extensive Cloud covering higher tops all day, lower slopes may clear at times but likely in cloud most of the day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine, most likely toward Loch Lomond NP. Very good visibility if not in cloud,	Overcast with often poor visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	4 to 7C. Temperature generally rising with height. Above the summits. Possible morning frost in some glens and often in depressions.	5-6C, rapidly decreasing in the evening. Starting well above the summits, but rapidly decreasing in the evening down to 800m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 14 November, 2024**

High pressure lasting until Friday, ending with a cold front coming from the northwest, what marks the end of fairly dry and mild period. On Saturday, the front will pass over Britain, reaching central England by the end of the day. bringing some rain to most hilly areas. Drastic cooling and big pressure drop behind the front. On Sunday and start of next week, in low pressure, frequent showers are expected, with snow on the hills, snowflakes even down to valleys and towns. In the Highlands snow may reach significant depths rapidly, meaning truly winter conditions fairly early in the season.

Forecast issued at 14:25 on Tuesday, 12 November, 2024

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