

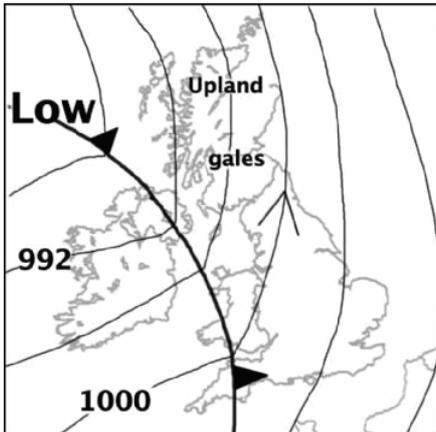
West Highlands

Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area include Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, includes Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Includes Arran and Mull.



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General Summary for Thursday, 11 October, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 October, 2018

Pulses of rain will move northeastwards; although most mountain areas will be dry for much of the day. Cloud base will vary considerably, both through the day and region by region. The resulting fog will be most persistent SE Highlands.

Headline for West Highlands

Upland gales; occasional rain. Cloud often covering higher tops.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 11 October, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southeasterly, 40 to 60mph; speed fluctuating (strongest post dawn and again into the afternoon, although easing again Arran later). Very gusty north of major ridges.
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous walking widely, but often difficult where exposed, mainly on higher areas. Very strong gusts reaching lower slopes will give sudden buffeting.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain occasionally, mainly afternoon Showers isolated morning. In afternoon, initially Arran, pulses of rain move north, the rain may be persistent for an hour or two.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied cloud base; sometimes clearing to higher summits - mainly Lochaber Expect variation in cloud base; during and after rain, patches at 750m, but 450m Arran to Mull and Loch Lomond NP. Otherwise, periods when most or all summits are cloud free.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A little sun, mostly Lochaber, giving way to thickening cloud. Visibility often very good, most pronounced haze will be on lower slopes and on higher coastal slopes.
How Cold? (at 900m)	9C, although will drop toward 5C later afternoon.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 12 October	Saturday 13 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly, in the range 70 to 100mph. Will begin to ease only slowly afternoon. Very difficult conditions from low levels up. Any mobility tortuous on higher terrain. Severe wind chill.	Low confidence in this forecast: Southerly, speeds may be only 20mph, but threat of 50mph (highest risk well inland). Risk of walking being difficult where exposed on higher areas.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent rain A sequence of wet - dry - wet - dry, as bands of rain move quickly northwards.	Risk persistent rain The position of an envelope of considerable rain is uncertain - it may be largely away to the east resulting in only a few showers. However, threat of substantial rain, highest risk well inland.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Varied, some breaks to higher tops Cloud base changing rapidly. At times shrouding the hills extensively, but intermittently clearing higher summits, whilst banks of low cloud may linger on some lower slopes. 30%	May be very persistent In rain, cloud is likely to shroud the mountains widely. Otherwise, most cloud above about 800m. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief bursts of sunshine. Persistent haze.	Little or no sunshine. Excellent visibility may have extended in off the Atlantic; nevertheless, widely poor where rain redevelops.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	Around 5C. Above the summits.	7C Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 12 October, 2018**

Rain and upland gales will be frequent across the mountains over the next 10 days (winds widely storm force on Friday). Most rain will be on western mountains.

However, overall drier and less windy on Sunday and Monday, but still showers, mainly on western mountains. In Scotland, on the Munros, the precipitation will be of hail and snow.

Forecast issued at 7:23 on Thursday, 11 October, 2018

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