

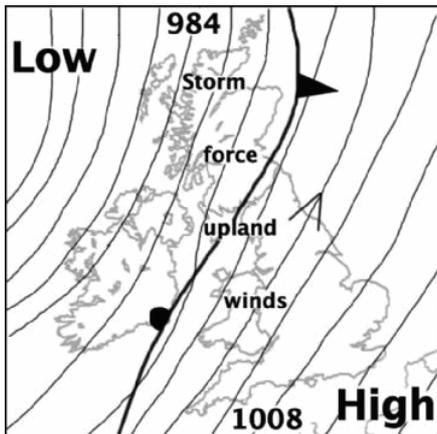
# West Highlands

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 Friday, 12 October, 2018



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 12 October, 2018**

Frequent storm force upland winds around an intense low to the north west of Ireland (although winds not as extreme as anticipated earlier in the week). There will also be widespread rain, considerable falls Lakes and Wales (focussed S Wales, where some flooding).

### Headline for West Highlands

Storm force upland winds. Frequent rain.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 12 October, 2018

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southerly, 50 to 80mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Very difficult conditions from low levels up. Any mobility tortuous on higher terrain. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Frequent rain</b> Rain on and off morning, though intermittently dry. Rain may well then set in for a few hours, heavy or in places torrential. The rain may remain intermittent near and west of Loch Linnhe.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Deteriorating as fog fills in across higher areas, and some lower slopes</b> Cloud base changing rapidly. At times, mainly morning intermittently clearing to or above higher summits, mainly Lochaber. Will deteriorate as rain sets in: from Arran to Mull and across Loch Lomond NP, fog will fill in above 200 to 400m, whilst elsewhere, cloud base 500 to 700m. <b>20% Lochaber to by midday almost nil elsewhere</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief bursts of sunshine temporarily morning (mainly Lochaber).  Very hazy at best; visibility extensively poor in rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	Varying, sometimes abruptly between 5 and 9C. Will feel as cold as minus 6 Celsius directly in the wind.  Above the summits.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	<b>Saturday 13 October</b>	<b>Sunday 14 October</b>
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Low confidence in this forecast: Southerly, speeds may be only 20mph, but threat of 50mph (highest risk well inland). <b>Risk of walking being difficult where exposed on higher areas.</b>	West backing southwesterly: speeds typically 25mph. May sometimes reach 30, possibly 35mph toward the coast late on. <b>Mostly fairly small, although may impede walking at times, mainly later in day near the coast.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Persistent rain</b> The position of an envelope of incessant rain remain uncertain. However, it is now likely to envelop (probably during the morning) most or all the region (lowest threat near/west of Loch Linnhe).	<b>Hail and snow showers.</b> Small risk overnight rain not clearing until after dawn (snow higher tops). Otherwise, hail and above 900m snow showers, fairly frequent toward the coast, although well scattered central highlands. Streams in spate Loch Lomond NP.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>May be very persistent</b>  In rain, cloud will soon blanket the mountains widely. Ahead of the rain and where dry, most cloud above about 800m.	<b>Confined to higher tops</b>  Cloud rare near showers below 600m, but most cloud above 850m. By afternoon, well inland, most summits frequently cloud free.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine. Excellent visibility may have extended in off the Atlantic; nevertheless, widely poor where rain redevelops.	Bright sunshine in and out (least sun coastal summits). Excellent visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	7C  Above the summits.	3C  1200m. Frost some glens at dawn.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 13 October, 2018**

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.

Further deep Atlantic lows will then bring further bouts of upland gales and particularly to western mountains rain and low cloud.

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