

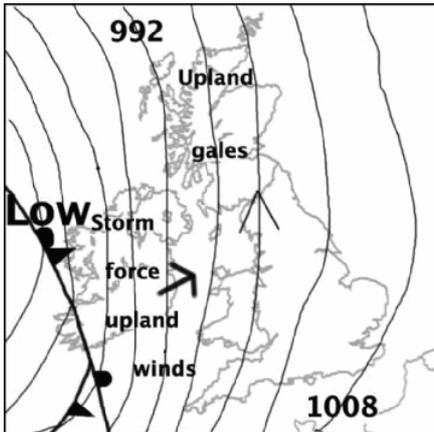
# West Highlands

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, 9 November, 2018



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 9 November, 2018**

Windy; widespread upland gales Scottish Highlands. Overall extensive fog higher areas, and patches of rain will drift northwards. Through afternoon Wales, and after dusk elsewhere, deteriorating conditions as storm force winds and heavy rain spread north-eastwards.

### Headline for West Highlands

Upland gales; occasional rain; snow higher Munros. Extensive fog higher areas.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 9 November, 2018

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southeasterly, 40 to 50mph. Will strengthen to 60-70mph toward dusk.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Arduous or difficult walking and significant wind chill where exposed.</b> <b>Conditions will quickly become very difficult from dusk.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Occasional rain, snow higher tops</b> Low confidence in detail: Overall substantially dry, but patches of showery rain, or above 1000m snow, will drift northwards, in some areas giving almost constant rain for 2 or 3 hours. Persistent rain (snow high tops) arriving coastal hills toward dusk - then quickly extending elsewhere.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Covering particularly Loch Lomond NP most or all day</b> Cloud base will vary as rain comes and goes, and broadly lowest cloud bases will be on summits accessible from and south of A85 through Tyndrum, where patches below 400m and extensive above 650m. Further north, most cloud above 750m, but often above 900m near and north of Glen Spean.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20% Lochaber to almost nil Loch Lomond NP</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare glimpses of sun, mainly Lochaber and west of Loch Linnhe. Hazy.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	3C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	1250m. Slight frost in a few glens at dawn.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	<b>Saturday 10 November</b>	<b>Sunday 11 November</b>
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	South veering southwesterly 35mph, perhaps occasionally 40mph Lochaber.	Southerly 20 to 30mph; strongest summits toward the west coast.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking arduous and wind chill significant where exposed, particularly toward and west of Loch Linnhe.</b>	<b>Likely to impede ease of walking on higher areas.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Frequent precipitation</b> Showers will come in one after another across western hills leading to frequent rain and above 800-900m snow. periods of little precipitation central Highlands. Risk thunder.	<b>Showers; hail, snow on the Munros</b> Showers, sometimes the precipitation frequent over a couple of hours. Hail and above 900m, snow. Least precipitation near and north of Glen Spean and on central highlands.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive across the hills</b>  Cloud extensive across the hills above 600-800m with patches below 450m near showers. However, cloud often confined above 900m hills near and north of Glen Spean and on central highlands near Lochs Ossian and Treig.	<b>Extensive on higher areas</b>  Most higher areas covered in cloud, frequently base 700m, dropping to 400m near showers. However, near and north of Glen Spean and on central highlands, most cloud above 1000m, but nearer 600m near precipitation.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, mainly central Highlands.  Visibility good away from showers.	Sunshine occasionally, mainly near and north of Glen Spean and central highlands. Visibility often excellent, but abruptly very poor in precipitation.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	2C	2C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	1200m	1200m

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 10 November, 2018**

Winds almost constantly southerly over the next week to ten days will mean only higher summits in Scotland occasionally below freezing point. Rain at some stage most days (although probably drier from mid-week next week). Often windy and fog will frequently shroud the summits - and at times even lower slopes. Generally least rainfall and often little low cloud NW Highlands.

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