

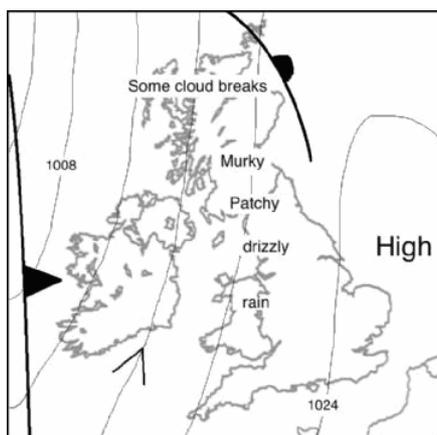
# West Highlands

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 Tuesday, 11 December, 2018



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 11 December, 2018**

A murky day for many areas, with widespread fog across the hills, and patches of light rain or drizzle. The far north and northwest of Scotland will fare best for cloud breaks. Winds fairly light, but strengthening through the day on westernmost hills.

### Headline for West Highlands

Low cloud and patchy drizzle. Wind strengthening to gale force far west.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 11 December, 2018

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southerly 25-35mph, strengthening through the day from west; by afternoon risk 45-50mph over several hours on summits toward west coast.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking will be arduous, or perhaps difficult locally near west coast later. Some sudden strong gusts reaching lower slopes.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Isolated drizzle</b> Isolated patches of light rain/drizzle; very little if any across Lochaber. May become more persistent coastal hills after dark.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive</b> Cloud likely to extensively shroud hills, lowest slopes upwards near and across Loch Lomond NP. Highest bases across Lochaber where some breaks are likely for a time before rain arrives from west.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Visibility generally good, but noticeable haze. Will deteriorate further in rain later.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	3 or 4C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 12 December	Thursday 13 December
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	South to southeasterly, most likely in range 25 to 40mph, but there may be a lull for a few hours. <b>Expect buffeting across higher areas, and strong gusts to lower slopes in places. Locally may be small for a time.</b>	Southeasterly, 30 to 40mph, perhaps locally 50mph. <b>Arduous conditions across the hills, with powerful gusts to lower slopes north of major ridges. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Patchy rain, snow high tops</b> Patches of rain and drizzle, amounts typically small, but may persist central highlands. A risk of odd bursts of rain here and there. Sleet or wet snow on the Munros.	<b>Rare snow flurries</b> Western mountains substantially dry. Isolated snow flurries central Highlands and Loch Lomond NP.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive</b> Cloud likely extensively covering the hills, from low levels up Loch Lomond NP and central highlands. Occasional breaks to 800m or above in northern Lochaber.	<b>Extensive, some breaks west</b> Banks of cloud rolling across some hills, persistent much of day above 600-800m in the central highlands, although around the west coast north from Mull, many summits may be often clear.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Very hazy, probably widely murky, especially southern areas.	Occasional sun, perhaps frequently sunny some western hills. A general haze, particularly toward central belt.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b> <b>Freezing Level</b>	1 or 2C. Close to freezing above about 1000m.	-1C to perhaps -3C locally. 800m, but may be as low as 600m central highlands.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 12 December, 2018**

A battle between cold air to the east and milder air to the west will take place later this week, with confidence low about the general developments into the weekend. It looks increasingly likely that for a couple of days at least, freezing levels will drop markedly, and there is scope for some snowfalls, chiefly on eastern hills. As fronts push northeastwards, there may be a more organised fall of snow into the weekend. Cycles of freeze and thaw are then likely. Winds varied, up to gale force at times, giving severe wind chill.

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