

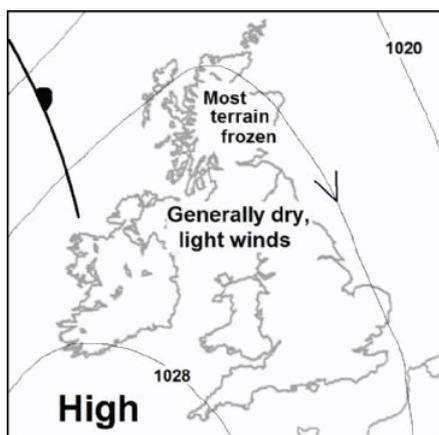
# West Highlands

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 Monday, 11 February, 2019



### British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 11 February, 2019

A ridge of high pressure moves across the country, producing a fair, crisp winter's day. The air very clear. Sunshine weakening as cloud builds from the west. Widespread frost in the valleys and glens in the morning. Most mountain terrain frozen. Light winds much of the day.

### Headline for West Highlands

Dry, cold and sunny, most tops clear. Light winds.

## Detailed Forecast for Monday, 11 February, 2019

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Northerly 15-20mph at dawn, but soon widely 10mph or less for many hours. Backing southwesterly by afternoon, freshening to 15-20mph by dusk, strongest west. Gales arriving overnight.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Considerable wind chill at dawn, soon becoming negligible.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>No precipitation until night</b> Dry throughout daylight. After dark, patchy snow, or drizzly rain lower slopes, moving onto coastal hills in far west.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Generally very little</b> A few patches may drift across some higher tops and corries at times, mainly around dawn. Otherwise, hills very likely widely clear. Patches may form on coastal tops around Mull by dusk into evening.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>70% at dawn, rising to 90%.</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Sunshine frequent, but weakening as high cloud builds from west during afternoon. Visibility excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-5C, lifting to -2C by afternoon near west coast.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Most terrain frozen from glens upwards, some partial thawing lower sunlit slopes and more especially lower coastal slopes.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	<b>Tuesday 12 February</b>	<b>Wednesday 13 February</b>
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	South to southwesterly, veering a little toward west later; 35-50mph, strongest in morning; risk 60-70mph in Lochaber.  <b>Marked increase of speed with height. Walking difficult, locally very difficult on higher areas. Significant wind chill.</b>	South to southwesterly, 40 to 55mph; strongest western mountains and near/north of major summits.  <b>Considerable buffeting, in places through passes and cols and locally gusty to lower slopes. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Occasional drizzly rain</b>  Patches of drizzly rain will come and go across the hills, most persistent in the west. For a time in morning, falling as snow over tops in the east.	<b>Drizzly</b>  Drizzly rain will come and go across the region - may be persistently damp for many hours. Least precipitation around Glen Spean.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive</b>  Extensive hill fog through the day. Bases generally around 500-800m, with occasional patches down to 300m. Highest bases, and best of the breaks, will be across hills near and north of Glen Spean.	<b>Extensive, some breaks north</b>  Often shrouding coastal hills from low levels upward. Inland and particularly toward northern Lochaber, cloud more broken, and some tops may emerge above or between cloud layers.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun.  Visibility often poor due to drizzly rain.	Rare glimpses of sun, mostly around Glen Spean, where visibility at times good. A general haze across most mountains, visibility reduced further in rain/drizzle.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	Near 0C inland from dawn, rising to 2C, and may lift to 4C for a few hours middle of day.  Generally above the summits, but around 900m inland for a time in morning. May drop back to 1000m later.	2 to 4C; small change of temperature with increasing height on the hills.  Above the summits.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 12 February, 2019**

South to southwesterly winds will dominate from Tuesday onward and through next weekend; gale force at times, particularly the Scottish Highlands, with local strong gusts to lower slopes and through passes. Low cloud will often plague western hills, with patchy rain or drizzle. Generally small amounts of precipitation; often dry away from west coasts. Highest cloud breaks toward the north/east of major upland ranges. Temperatures lifting above freezing even up to higher summits for several days, with a period of thaw across all areas. Local inversion conditions developing at times as the week progresses.

**Forecast issued at 14:34 on Sunday, 10 February, 2019**

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