

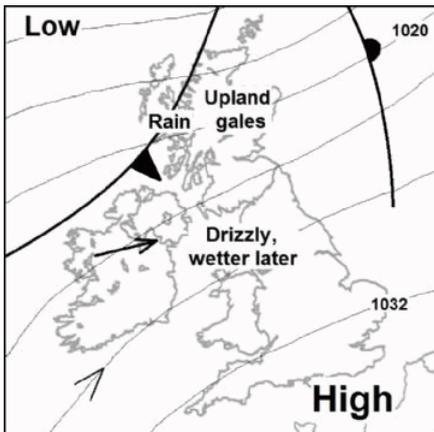
# West Highlands

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, 12 February, 2019



**British Mountain Summary:**  
**Based on forecast chart for noon 12 February, 2019**

Milder southwesterlies extend across Britain - lifting above freezing up to higher tops. Gale force winds on many mountains; storm force Scottish high tops. Rain for many hours for the West Highlands, fading through afternoon. Rain steadier later Lakes & west Wales. Driest eastern hills.

**Headline for West Highlands**

Storm force winds higher tops. Rain or drizzle, fading later.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 12 February, 2019

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	South to southwesterly, veering a little toward west later; 45 to 60mph for several hours, 70mph in Lochaber; easing slightly during afternoon toward 35mph, or less by dusk.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Marked increase of speed with height. Walking difficult, locally very difficult on higher areas. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Drizzly rain, persistent into middle of day, then fading</b> Patches of drizzly rain will come and go across the hills, most persistent in the west. May begin as sleet just at dawn, soon all rain. From about mid-late morning, steady rain for a few hours on western hills, then fading to drizzly showers through afternoon.
<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, particularly afternoon.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Visibility often poor due to drizzly rain; improving through afternoon.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	Near 1C inland from dawn, rising to 3C, or briefly a degree or so higher middle of day. Feeling like -15C or below where exposed to wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Generally above the summits, but some slopes close to freezing inland at dawn. A gradual thaw setting in.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	<b>Wednesday 13 February</b>	<b>Thursday 14 February</b>
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	South to southwesterly, 45 to 60mph; strongest western mountains and near/north of major summits.  <b>Arduous conditions on the hills. Considerable buffeting through passes and cols and locally gusty to lower slopes. Significant wind chill.</b>	Southerly, 40 to 55mph; strongest winds not necessarily higher slopes.  <b>Walking arduous in places; buffeting through passes and cols, and sudden turbulent gusts locally to lower slopes north of major ridges.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<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>Substantially dry</b> Rare patches of drizzle confined to coastal hills early in day, otherwise dry.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<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>Low cloud breaking up</b>  Banks of cloud drifting around some tops and corries, may linger for several hours. Higher tops may be above often above cloud. Increasingly breaking up through the day.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	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.	Cloud increasingly breaking to give sunshine, particularly Lochaber. Visibility mostly good, but a general haze.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	2 to 4C; small change of temperature with increasing height on the hills.  Above the summits.	In range 4 to 8C, warmest toward northern Lochaber; some higher tops warmer than lower slopes.  Above the summits.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 13 February, 2019**

South to southwesterly winds persist all week and into the weekend; often windy, gales 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. Some inversion conditions developing, and cloud breaking up increasingly from south into Thursday. By Friday, cloud and drizzly rain will return from the west as the next fronts move in. Temperatures above freezing for several days, with a period of thaw across all areas.

**Forecast issued at 14:32 on Monday, 11 February, 2019**

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