

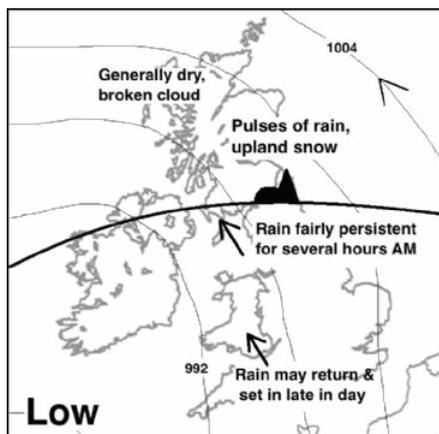
West Highlands

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, 22 November, 2019



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 22 November, 2019

Areas of rain will rotate sporadically from the south through the day, some heavy bursts, but drier periods too. In Scotland, rain focused on south & eastern mountains, snow on higher tops. Very little reaching W/NW coasts. Brisk winds, particularly Scottish mountains in morning.

Headline for West Highlands

Patchy rain/snow; mainly dry west. Brisk winds. Chilly.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 22 November, 2019

How windy? (On the Munros)	East or southeasterly, in range 25 to 40mph, strongest winds likely morning.
Effect of wind on you?	Frequent buffeting across the hills, at times arduous conditions with significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk occasional snow/rain, very little west Some western mountains staying often dry through day. A few zones of precipitation pivoting in from the south & east, concentrated on Loch Lomond NP & central highlands. Snow mostly confined above 800m, later 1000m.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive south; breaks west/northwest Coastal hills in western Lochaber typically just seeing patches at times higher slopes. However, particularly around precipitation, banks of cloud may fill in. Often shrouding mountains above 600-800m across Loch Lomond NP, central highlands & Arran.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10% south/central highlands; up to 60% west of Loch Linnhe.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun, mostly toward/west of Loch Linnhe; little or none central highlands. Visibility often good much of west coast; reduced where precipitation develops; a general haze central highlands.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 or 1C, but locally 3C west coast; rising a little through daylight. Where exposed to strongest wind, feeling like -10C or occasionally colder.
Freezing Level	800-1000m from dawn, lifting slowly through daylight to 1100-1200m. Terrain at least partially frozen with snow cover above about 700-800m.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 23 November	Sunday 24 November
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Precise forecast detail uncertain: Generally east or southeasterly, sometime only 20-25mph, but likely 35-40mph for periods. May well be fairly small, but prepare for blustery winds and marked wind chill; arduous walking conditions at times.	South to southeasterly, speeds likely to fluctuate through the day, risk 35-45mph, but a probable lull to 20mph or less. Risk of arduous walking conditions and marked wind chill at least part of the day; small for periods.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Substantially dry west/north Possibly small amounts precipitation overall. Occasional patches of rain may pivot in from the south/east, risk becoming persistent central highlands/Loch Lomond	Risk rain fairly persistent south A zone of rain early in the day is expected to clear northwards, sleet or wet snow confined to highest summits. However, further areas of rain may well move up from the south, most persistent across central highlands & Loch Lomond NP.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive Highest cloud bases focused on coastal hills west of Loch Linnhe, where breaks to 800m or above. Elsewhere, cloud may envelop the hills widely, to lowest levels Loch Lomond NP.	Extensive, lowest south Shrouding the mountains most or all day, lowest across southern areas, at times covering hills to lower slopes. Some breaks to 600-800m north from about Crainlarich, and locally higher around Glen Spean away from rain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun mostly around west coast, weak through high cloud. Visibility may be locally very good west, but slight haze many areas; risk murky central highlands.	Rare glimpses of sun, mostly through high cloud in Lochaber. Visibility good at times in Lochaber, but may stay generally murky many areas.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	1 to 3C, highest around the west coast. Near or just above freezing point up to highest summits.	2 to 4C, highest on west coastal mountains. Air temperature near or only just above freezing point above 1200-1300m, with most higher terrain at least part-frozen.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 23 November, 2019**

A series of low pressure systems will rotate across Britain from the southwest through the week ahead. Less cold than recent times for a few days, lifting just above freezing point up to highest Scottish tops, with a slow thaw taking place. Periods of rain concentrated across England & Wales, but also east & southern Scotland at times. Wind speeds varied from day to day, sometimes up to gale force. Later in the week, most indications favour a renewed push of much colder air returning from the north, with further snowfalls likely.

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