

West Highlands

Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area includes Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, includes Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Includes Arran and Mull.

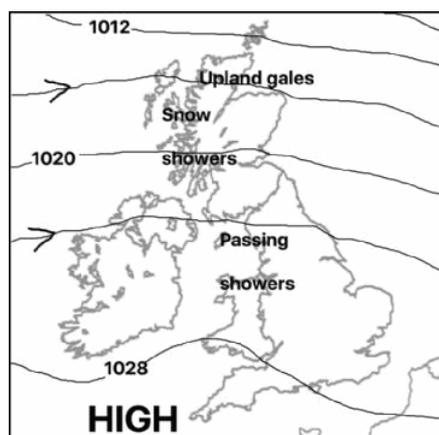


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Summer and Winter Climbing, Walking and Mountaineering in the West Highlands of Scotland

General Summary for Sunday, 22 November, 2020



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 22 November, 2020

Gusty westerly winds, morning gales in the Highlands, will bring showers; although these will be mainly brief affairs away from W Scotland where showers will be more frequent. Snow above 500-600m in the Highlands. Flurries tops elsewhere. Cloud breaking above most tops, away from W Scotland.

Headline for West Highlands

Strong winds slowly easing. Snow showers. Cloud capping higher slopes.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 22 November, 2020

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly, 30 to 45mph, strongest in morning.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable buffeting and significant wind chill, risk arduous conditions early in day. Tending to improve.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent snow showers west Showers most frequent on west coastal mountains, sometimes heavy; especially in afternoon. Often only flurries well inland, some drier spells. Occasional hail. Mostly rain below 400-500m.
Cloud on the hills?	Often capping higher tops Cloud bases varied, mostly slopes above 700 to 900m, lowest around showers in west. Typically above 900-1000m inland, breaks to higher slopes typically best east from Rannoch Moor.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sun, mostly toward east. Slight haze west coastal mountains, and very poor visibility at times during precipitation; mostly good well inland.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 or -1C, but feeling closer to -13C in direct exposure to the strongest winds.
Freezing Level	800 to 900m.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 23 November	Tuesday 24 November
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 15-25mph at dawn, will deteriorate through the day to reach 35 to 50mph during the afternoon. Will become arduous or difficult across the hills during the afternoon with significant wind chill and buffeting.	Southwesterly 25 to 35mph, risk 40mph higher tops at first. May ease further during the afternoon. Walking fairly arduous at times across higher slopes, particularly in the morning, with significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and snow arriving from west. Rain and snow spreading in from the west through the morning. Snow initially falling down to 600m or so, but will become increasingly confined to high tops and even here later turning to rain.	Periods of rain; snow higher tops. Uncertainty on position of a slow moving front, but likely to give periods of rain through the day, falling as snow across higher tops and later to 700m. However, some spells of dry weather likely.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Cloud soon becoming extensive across the hills, with bases widely down to lower slopes across western and southern areas.	Extensive Cloud will very likely shroud the hills extensively in fog through the day, patches to lower slopes during precipitation.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy. Visibility often poor due to rain and snow.	Mostly cloudy. Visibility good at times, but often poor or very poor due to rain/snow.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-1 or -2C, lifting to 2 or 3C by dusk. 700-800m, gradual rise from west through day, lifting to or above highest tops by dusk.	3C lowering to 0C during afternoon. 1200m lowering to 900m during the afternoon.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 23 November, 2020**

Next week, briefly higher temperatures on Monday, then most higher mountains of Britain likely to drop back below freezing for several days ahead. Precipitation remaining frequent throughout next week, focused on western mountains - sometimes snow or hail. Confidence of forecast detail becomes low later in the week, with some hints of higher pressure, but many indications staying unsettled.

Forecast issued at 15:49 on Saturday, 21 November, 2020

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