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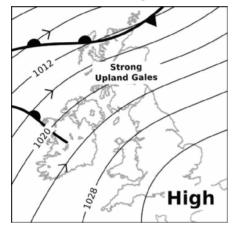
# **West Highlands**

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, from Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Also Arran and Mull.



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## General Summary for Saturday, 27 January, 2024



# British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 27 January, 2024

Upland gales across Scotland and n. England. The Peak District & Wales will have slightly lighter winds. Morning cloud on windward coastal mountains may bring drizzle; cloud base rising inland. Rain and snow showers in w. & nw. Highlands. Temperatures rising through day and freezing level above most Scottish mountains by evening

#### evening. Headline for West Highlands

Strong upland gales and rain/snow showers

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 27 January, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 50 to 60mph, easing from the south to 40mph in the afternoon.  Arran: 40mph from morning.	
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult walking conditions; balance challenging and you may be blown over.  Beware gusts through cols and on down slopes. Severe wind chill.	
How wet?	Rain/snow showers, heavy in afternoon	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and snow showers on and off through the day, particularly near coastal mountains.  Turning to sleet and becoming heavier and more widespread in the afternoon.  Loch Lomond NP and Arran may have occasional drizzle but otherwise remaining dry.	
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive	
	Cloud down to lowest slopes near coast and southern Loch Lomond NP. Cloud base will be 800m or higher well inland.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine. Hazy, particularly near the coast.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	1 to 3C. Feeling around -15C in the wind.	
Freezing Level	1000 to 1200m, rising above summits in/near Loch Lomond NP by evening.	

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#### West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 28 January	Monday 29 January
How windy? (On the Munros)  Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 60 to 80mph, easing in the evening.  Walking very challenging. Very powerful gusts will occasionally reach lower sheltered slopes. Severe wind chill.	Forecast details uncertain. Probably easterly or northeasterly 10mph. May be a touch stronger from the south. Small.
How wet?	Rain moving in	Light snow possibly becoming heavier
(Precipitation and its impact)	Risk of pockets drizzle near coast in the morning will reduce through the day. Rain probably setting in from the afternoon or evening, initially Lochaber.	Light snow over Loch Lomond NP. May become heavier and spread into Lochaber.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive	Possibly extensive
	Extensive cloud mid-slopes may clear toward higher summits intermittently in Lochaber. Persistently very low cloud near the coast.	Extensive cloud will form in precipitation, down to low levels on coastal mountains.  Most likely Loch Lomond NP but may fill in as far as Lochaber.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun except, perhaps, on higher summits. Very hazy.	Overcast. Good visibility if it remains dry.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4C, feeling below -10C in the wind.	-3 to 0C.
Freezing Level	Above summits but lowering to 800m overnight.	600 to 900m, may rise above summits in southern areas.

## **Planning Outlook**

## All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 28 January, 2024

Total rainfall will be small on Sunday but a front waving across northern England and Scotland on Monday is providing some uncertainty. England and Wales remaining mostly dry with summits above freezing Tuesday onwards. Dry spells in Scotland punctured by a series of fronts moving across bringing bouts of precipitation and freeze thaw cycles to the Highlands.

#### Forecast issued at 16:30 on Friday, 26 January, 2024

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