

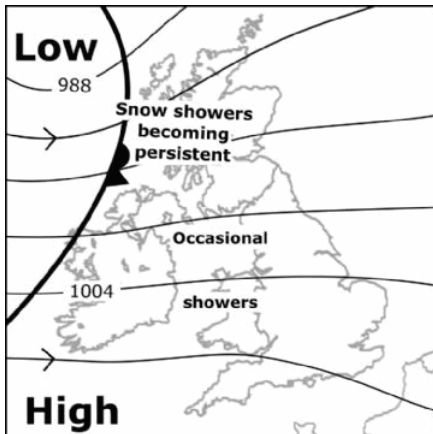
West Highlands

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 Monday, 12 February, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 February, 2024

Southwesterly winds strengthening to be widely upland gales, severe toward evening. Sub-zero all higher tops. Showers spreading inland from west coast of Scotland falling as snow to modest elevations, becoming more persistent snowfall. Scattered showers western England & Wales, more frequent later.

Headline for West Highlands

Wind increasing, gales becoming severe. Snow and hail, setting in.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 12 February, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 30 to 50mph, speeds increasing with time, strongest near coast in south 50-60mph into afternoon; sudden squally gusts 70mph. Staying widely 50-60mph+ into night.
Effect of wind on you?	Increasingly arduous over higher terrain, becoming more difficult conditions. Gusts may knock you over. Significant or later severe wind chill on higher terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow and hail frequent, then persistent, heavier snow; isolated lightning. Showers spreading inland from the west coast, merging into near-constant heavier snowfall into afternoon, often falling to lower elevations; risk of hail. Blizzard conditions developing on tops. Risk isolated thunder & lightning. Snow and hail showers remain frequent after dark.
Cloud on the hills?	Often covering tops, lowering in snow Cloud base constantly changing, but often covering higher terrain, lowest and most persistent near to west coast. Shafts of cloud to mid-slopes in showers; filling in afternoon. Fleeting breaks higher up mainly well inland.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare bursts of sun. Visibility briefly good, but appalling when in snow and cloud; whiteout developing.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2 or -3C. Wind chill feeling like -15 to -20C on tops.
Freezing Level	500 to 700m, varied but lowering where heavier precipitation sets in during afternoon, below 400m inland.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 13 February	Wednesday 14 February
<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Southwesterly 40 to 50mph, risk 60-70mph for a time on Ben Nevis range tops in the morning; tending to lessen from the south.</p> <p>Challenging conditions, difficult on high tops in morning; significant wind chill. Conditions moderating during day.</p>	<p>Low confidence of forecast details: Risk east-southeasterly, perhaps 30mph or higher in south. Local lulls possible.</p> <p>May be fairly small, but risk of blustery and locally gusty conditions around some mountains.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Showers fading, snow tops</p> <p>Showers pushing inland from the west coast, falling as snow above 700-800, also hail for a time, mainly Lochaber. Becoming fewer with time.</p>	<p>Risk snow flurries or rain south</p> <p>Risk of snow flurries pushing up from the south, may become persistent Loch Lomond NP. Turning to sleet or rain coastal areas to upper slopes.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p>	<p>Often covering tops</p> <p>Capping higher tops much of the day, lowest in precipitation and in west. Some breaks to upper slopes east from Ben Nevis range.</p>	<p>Risk filling in south</p> <p>Varied conditions, possibly some hills clear toward north, but banks of cloud likely to develop from south, risk filling in around Arran into Loch Lomond NP.</p>
<p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>20%</p>	<p>50%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Mostly cloudy, glimpses of sun. Visibility intermittently good, but very poor in showers, whiteout if in snow and cloud.</p>	<p>Fairly extensive high cloud, may be overcast and dull in south. Visibility good in north, risk murky south.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>-1 to +1C, highest on Arran. Wind chill feeling like -15C or below in morning, easing with time.</p> <p>800 to 1000m, highest near coast toward south; rising slightly during daytime.</p>	<p>-1 to +1C, highest toward coast and south. Feeling colder if wind increases.</p> <p>Around 800m, or likely higher near coast, may rise further in south. Frost in some Lochaber glens after dawn.</p>

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 13 February, 2024

A mixed week ahead as areas of low pressure rotate in from the southwest bringing spells of rain of hill snow and sometimes showers. Least precipitation typically for the Cairngorms. Higher pressure to the north of Scotland by midweek may then become more extensive for a time by next weekend, allowing some drier conditions. Wind speed and direction very variable, often west or southwesterly, but easterly for time during midweek for Scotland; lulls mixed with spells up to gale force on higher areas. Scottish mountains generally staying sub-zero, maintaining snow coverage widely here during the week ahead. High tops in England & Wales lifting above freezing point by midweek for a time.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Sunday, 11 February, 2024

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