

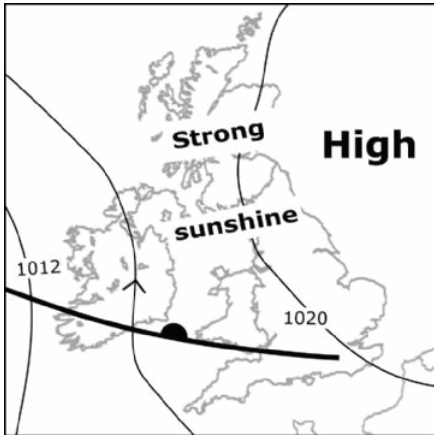
West Highlands

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 Sunday, 11 August, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 August, 2024

A fine, warm and sunny day for most places. Early light showers in northwest Scotland fading. Increasingly humid Wales and south Pennines. Light winds in the morning, strengthening southeasterlies in afternoon; toward dusk reaching gale-force near west coast of Scotland - bursts of rain arriving here into the night.

Headline for West Highlands

Breeze increasing, gales later in west. Strong sunshine.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 11 August, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	South turning southeasterly 10 to 20mph, least wind well inland, tending to increase, soonest on coastal mountains, by evening 25-35mph, reaching gusty 50mph by sunset near coast, then widely into the night.
Effect of wind on you?	Small much of day, but starting to affect balance and stability later in the day. Beware of conditions widely deteriorating from dusk.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry until night An occasional spot of drizzle on coast near Mull around dawn, soon fading. Into the night, spots of rain developing near coast as high cloud thickens, then risk bursts of rain moving in from southwest.
Cloud on the hills?	Hills largely clearing Banks of cloud mostly over western coastal hills near and west of Loch Linnhe early morning, some patches further inland and south for a time, but generally all lifting and dispersing to leave the mountains clear.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70% rising above 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny, high UV; high cloud building from west toward the evening. Very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	8C rising to 12C, or warmer and more humid air into evening, but offset by the strengthening winds.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 12 August	Tuesday 13 August
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly, very gusty 40 to 50mph+ from before dawn into morning. Later southwesterly, 15 to 25mph or less. Challenging turbulent conditions in the morning, likely to moderate during the day, perhaps becoming small with time.	South to southwesterly, 30 to 40mph, but risk 50-60mph for a few hours on higher mountains and especially near coast. Buffeting across most higher terrain all day, but beware of more difficult conditions for at least part of the day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Thundery rain for a time Extensive rain likely for a few hours early morning, some embedded heavy and thundery bursts tracking northeastwards. Likely to clear to leave just rare drizzly showers.	Rain and drizzle Drizzly rain much of the day, at times some steadier pulses of rain, most persistent near to coasts and sea lochs. Smallest amounts toward north of Rannoch Moor.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Most persistent near coast During and just after rain, varied but fairly extensive low cloud from forest canopies upwards. Gradually lifting and thinning with some hills clearing. Coastal hills more likely to hold cloud banks all day. 10% coasts, 30% inland.	Extensive, lowest coasts Shrouding the mountains widely all day above 600 to 800m, but often to lower slopes near coasts, on islands and near sea lochs around the Clyde. Some breaks above 800m toward Creag Meagaidh. 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Some sun developing as high cloud thins. Misty in rain, visibility improving to become good, but a haze near coast.	Little or no sun, best chance inland Lochaber in the morning, where visibility may start good; otherwise mostly dull and misty.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	13C from before dawn, but soon falling as a cold front passes, to between 6 and 8C for rest of day. Above the summits	7 to 9C. Feeling sub-zero where exposed to stronger winds on tops. Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 12 August, 2024

West to southwesterly winds will prevail during the week ahead, maintaining generally unsettled weather patterns coming in from the Atlantic. Frequent and at times heavy rainfall concentrated over western mountains, where ground conditions increasingly saturated. Often extensive low cloud. Periods of strong to gale-force winds are likely midweek onward. Generally cool and unsettled toward next weekend.

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