

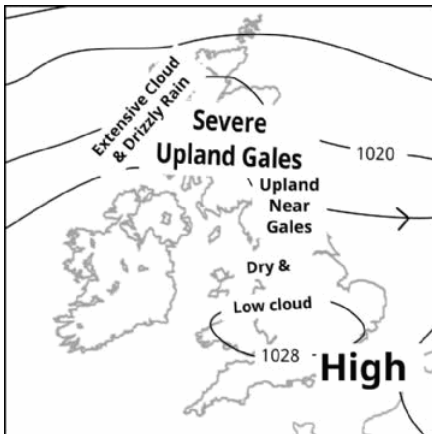
# West Highlands

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 Thursday, 31 October, 2024



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 31 October, 2024**

Widely murky, mostly overcast skies but dry, only in western Scotland drizzle. Mild, but severe wind make it feel cold in Scotland. Marked increase of wind speed with height in the north, severe gales over Scottish mountains. In Wales lot of sunshine above very low clouds.

### Headline for West Highlands

Upland gales, murky, patchy drizzle

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 31 October, 2024

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| <b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>                 | Southwesterly, 40 to 55mph, although it may be almost calm in most glens. On highest tops gusts exceeding 60mph.  |
| <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>                     | <b>Difficult conditions, if exposed gusts likely to throw you off balance, walking very arduous if possible at all.</b>   |
| <b>How wet?</b><br>(Precipitation and its impact) | <b>Drizzle mainly northwest</b><br>Frequent light rain or drizzle, may be fairly persistent on westernmost coastal hills (particularly Western Lochaber) and around Ben Nevis.                                      |
| <b>Cloud on the hills?</b>                        | <b>Extensive, some tops may stay cloud-free</b><br>Very low cloud persistent most of the day, tops and slopes above 200-400m in cloud most of the day. Highest tops above 1100m may be above the cloud for a while. |
| <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>               | <b>10%</b>  |
| <b>Sunshine?</b><br>Air clarity (below cloud)     | Very little or no sun and poor visibility.  |
| <b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>                        | 6 to 10C. Severe wind chill makes it feel like well below freezing.   |
| <b>Freezing Level</b>                             | Above the summits.  |

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

|   | Friday 1 November  | Saturday 2 November  |
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| <b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b><br><b>Effect of wind on you?</b>    | Starting westerly, 30 to 40mph. Gradually easing to 10-15mph and becoming variable.<br><b>In the morning considerable buffeting, walking strongly impeded. Becoming small.</b> | Southwesterly, mostly 10 to 20mph.<br><b>Fairly small.</b>   |
| <b>How wet?</b><br>(Precipitation and its impact)                     | <b>Risk rain, highest in the north</b><br>Risk of frequent rain, light up to moderate. Loch Lomond at first dry but probably getting wet on the course of the day too.         | <b>Local drizzle near coast possible</b><br>Light rain or drizzle possible anywhere near the coast, but most places dry all day.   |
| <b>Cloud on the hills?</b><br><br><b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b> | <b>Extensive</b><br><br>Cloud widely covering the hills, only lower slopes at times clearing if longer breaks in rain occur.<br><br><b>10%</b>                                 | <br><br>Coastal hills covered in cloud from lower slopes upward, inland (Loch Lomond, Rannoch Moor, Creag Meagaidh) slightly higher cloud bases, around 500-800m at start, here cloud lifting, may partly break.<br><br><b>20%</b> |
| <b>Sunshine?</b><br>Air clarity (below cloud)                         | Overcast and dull.<br><br>Poor visibility.   | Very little or no sun, although highest tops may stick out from the cloud at times.<br><br>Very good visibility if not in cloud.   |
| <b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b><br><br><b>Freezing Level</b>               | 6 to 8C<br><br>Above the summits.  | 7 or 8C<br><br>Above the summits.  |

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 1 November, 2024

After wet Friday in Scotland, back to high pressure for the weekend and beginning of next week. Inversion conditions developing mean locally very misty or cloudy, and tops sometimes above cloud. Southwesterly winds, dry and mild conditions. Such scheme holds until mid next week, when a weak front passage will probably deteriorate weather for a day, at least in Scotland. Later another few days of often cloudy, but dry and warm weather. Winds may speed up again end of next week.

### Forecast issued at 16:02 on Wednesday, 30 October, 2024

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