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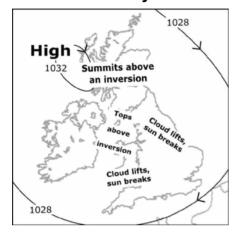
West Highlands

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 Wednesday, 15 October, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 15 October, 2025

High Scottish Highland tops remain above an inversion except in the far north; cloud becoming well broken in many areas. Variable morning cloud in England and Wales lifts to or off higher slopes with sun breaks. Highest Lakeland and Snowdonia tops at or above cloud tops. Feeling mild for most, an easterly breeze in Wales.

Headline for West Highlands

Morning fog lifts to upper slopes, summits above the cloud

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 15 October, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable 10mph or less. Locally gusty at all elevations.	
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected Exposed rock surfaces in the fog at dawn may be slick, mostly middle and lower elevations.	
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	High tops above a cloud layer At dawn, variable cloud at multiple levels largely below 800m including in the glens. Low fog layer possibly thicker inland southern areas. Cloud base will lift, most cloud settling between 600-1000m, high tops above the cloud. Cloud most broken north Lochaber and towards Creag Meagaidh. 80% (highest tops above cloud layer)	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunny on the highest tops in very clear air. Patchy sun below the cloud layer where some haze will linger, thickest haze towards the Central Belt.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 to 8C, warmest on coastal hills south of Mull and particularly the southern islands. High tops above inversion warmer, may reach up to 10C.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits	

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West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 16 October	Friday 17 October
How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable 10mph or less.	Easterly 10-15mph, some gusts; soon southeasterly. Rising to 20mph coastal areas south of Mull afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible	Fairly small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Damp air where in cloud Where within fog, some very fine drizzle drifting around and rock surfaces will be slick.	No rain expected
Cloud on the hills?	Cloud lifts to upper slopes	Mostly high terrain with breaks
	From dawn, fairly extensive on middle slopes near the coast with lower bases from Mull northward. More broken inland, cloud top near 1000m at first. Cloud layer will lift, remaining most extensive near the coast. Highest Glencoe tops may poke above cloud.	Some patchy cloud at various heights in the morning, local fog in the inland glens. Cloud will lift to high terrain, likely clinging to high tops most of the day but many areas will see breaks.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70% on the tops, lowering to 50%	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Highest tops above an inversion at least in the morning. Little sun below the cloud near the coast. Good visibility below cloud.	Glimpses of sun though weakened by high cloud. Excellent visibility, some haze near the southern islands.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5 or 6C. Starting cooler in some inland glens.	5 or 6C
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 16 October, 2025

High pressure weakens as the weekend approaches: varied low cloud and valley fog remain likely in the mornings, causing damp surfaces and slippery rock-faces. Cloud lifts higher during the day, starting to shroud mountain peaks more often, cooler temperatures returning to the high tops. Local cloud breaks, best of breaks in west Wales, though a haze will linger on low slopes of southern Scotland, England, and Wales - clearer air likely below the cloud in the Scotlish Highlands. Light winds overall, an easterly breeze for Wales.

The weekend sees a transition to low pressure. Winds will rise and more high cloud will reduce sunshine, rain then arriving late weekend and coming and going into the next week. Timing and location of rain uncertain for now.

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