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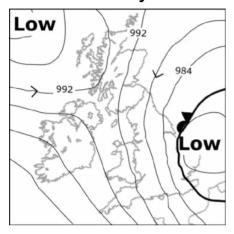
West Highlands

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 Thursday, 23 October, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 23 October, 2025

Areas of rain and strong winds within a large area of low pressure, will circulate across Britain. However, although varied, many mountain areas, particularly mainland Scotland and NW England, between low pressure centres will experience relatively light wind and hardly any rain.

Headline for West Highlands

Mostly fine; blustery and perhaps showery near coast.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 23 October, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	West or southwesterly, 10-20mph, may reach 25 or 30mph Arran and perhaps other summits near Clyde sea lochs.		
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly fairly small. There may be significant buffeting higher up near Clyde sea lochs.		
How wet?	Extensively dry; risk coastal showers		
(Precipitation and its impact)	Risk of showers coastal hills. Hail higher slopes and snow above 900m.		
Cloud on the hills?	Clearing most, perhaps nearly all summits		
	Mainland coastal areas - near Clyde sea lochs, Loch/Glen Etive and west of Loch Linnhe: Base varying, around 500m near precipitation to otherwise 750-900m. Elsewhere: Patches from lowest slopes up from dawn, but by late morning, cloud broken and mostly above 1000m. May clear completely, most likely central highlands.		
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10% westernmost summits; by afternoon, well inland 70%		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Periods of sunshine; particularly western mountains. Visibility excellent or perhaps superb.		
How Cold? (at 900m)	2C.		
Freezing Level	1100 to 1200m.		

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West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 24 October	Saturday 25 October
How windy? (On the Munros)	Northwesterly 20 to 30mph at first, strengthening with peak winds 40 to 50mph later in day, maybe stronger north.	North to northwesterly 25 to 45mph, perhaps even stronger for periods northern hills.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery start, with conditions becoming more arduous if not difficult through the afternoon with significant wind chill.	Be prepared for arduous conditions with significant wind chill and buffeting.
How wet?	Precipitation on and off	Occasional showers, mostly north
(Precipitation and its impact)	Within an increasingly northerly, cloud will produce showery precipitation on and off, perhaps setting in northern ranges and the west coast. Snow tops. Little or no precipitation toward central belt.	Occasional showers moving in on the northerly winds, most in north Lochaber and down west coast. Snow initially above 500-600m, lifting to 900m.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive higher slopes	Capping tops, most widely in north.
	Whilst bases will vary, be prepared for fairly extensive low cloud covering higher slopes, with bases around 700-1000m, generally lowest west coast/N Lochaber.	Cloud likely to cap tops in fog often, most widely north Lochaber and western coastal hills. Further inland and south, cloud breaking off the tops for periods.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%	40% north, 70% south.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Visibility sometimes poor due to rain, and occasionally very poor in summit snow.	Bursts of sun, mostly widely in the south. Visibility very good out of showers, but poor or very poor in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Around 2C, feeling closer to -10C in the strongest winds as they pick up later in the day.	-2C lifting to 1C, but feeling more like -12C in the wind.
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Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 24 October, 2025

A cold weekend; higher summits close to freezing point in England and Wales and below in Scotland. Substantially dry on many mountains but areas of frequent showers (hail and snow), mainly NW and W Highlands (where wind close to gale on Saturday) and north and west Wales. Some uncertainty for Sunday afternoon with threat of rain setting in on many western mountains - ahead of a less cold but often windy and wet few days.

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