

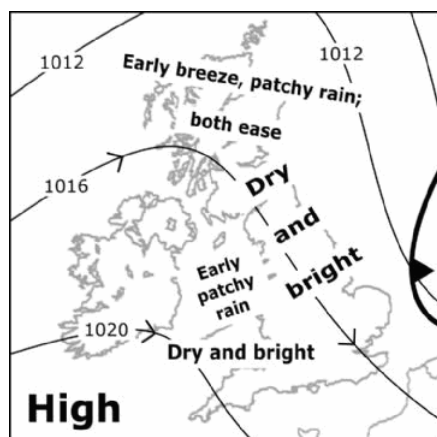
West Highlands

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, 9 September, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 9 September, 2026

Breezy with early scattered rain in north and east Scotland, both easing for a dry and bright afternoon with little wind. Blustery Pennines just at dawn, notably east, but this easing; dry in England with most hills and fells clearing. Early patchy rain in north Wales gradually clears for a bright afternoon.

Headline for West Highlands

A little rain and early breeze, easing for a bright afternoon

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 9 September, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northwesterly 20-30mph, easing, shifting westerly, 10-15mph afternoon; into night, reorienting southwesterly, restrengthening.
Effect of wind on you?	A blustery start and feeling chilly in exposure, easing to small effects.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Substantially dry Well-scattered patchy rain the morning, mostly towards the coast and northern hill groups, and soon fading for dry hills; just a small chance of odd
Cloud on the hills?	Patchy banks rise to high terrain with breaks From dawn, most cloud along the coast and northern hills: varied banks at many heights, including sheltered glens. Well broken south of Glencoe. Cloud will lift and break up, to just patches rolling over highest tops at times. A rising chance of patches returning more widely over coastal tops later in the day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Rising to 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine, some extended windows of bright sun. Very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4 or 5C, rising to 6C, always mildest south where may reach 7C. Feeling like -5C in direct wind early, wind chill effect easing.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 10 September	Friday 11 September
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 30-35mph, strongest north, strengthening, sustained 45mph over high tops with gusts, later starting to ease. Walking becomes widely strenuous, gusts over high tops increasingly challenge balance with notable wind chill.	Westerly 20-30mph, lightest in the south and slightly lessening more widely. Quite gusty over high tops. Ease of walking impacted on the high tops, feeling chilly; trending fairly small south.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain increasingly frequent Spotty rain drifts from the southwest, a little drizzle on the high western summits, plenty dry windows. Patches more frequent with time, and setting in widely as afternoon goes, heavy falls forming.	A little early rain and drizzle Spotty rain drifts from the west from dawn, a little drizzle over high western tops, easing, inland hills soon dry and gradually more widely dry.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Fairly extensive, some early breaks Cloud often shrouds westernmost hills from at least 700m up, sometimes lower. Bases more varied inland, breaks to or above 900m for periods, and may more widely break up for a window. Cloud fills in through afternoon, widely to middle slopes for a time. 30%	Lifting to high terrain, breaks inland Much terrain above 900m starts in cloud, ragged lower patches, to sheltered low slopes. Lifting, tending to break up with time, some summits breaks forming well-inland. Cloud continues to roll over high tops near the coast, only later breaking up. Rising to 40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of weak sun but more often cloudy. Generally poor visibility, some better windows when cloud lifts.	Patchy sun breaking out. Good visibility but a building haze west.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	6C rising to 9C, only slight drop into night. Feeling like 0 to -5C in strongest wind. Above the summits.	5 or 6C, rising a degree well inland. Feeling like -3 to -5C in direct wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 10 September, 2026

A typical autumnal pattern in the week ahead: periods rain and strong wind, gales over tops at times, particularly in Scotland. Temperatures generally mild, some warmer windows in England and Wales, as well as cooler windows, chilly at times in Scotland, a little sleet possible on highest tops and feeling cold during strong winds. Best chance of near-term settled windows on Friday and Sunday: mornings start cool with scattered low cloud, lifting and breaking up, clearest on eastern hill groups. Weather remains mixed into next week with more swathes of rain and strong wind. A tendency towards high pressure building southwest of the country will bring more bright, drier days to England and Wales. Staying unsettled longer in Scotland. Indications of more extensive windows of settled weather in the later month.

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