

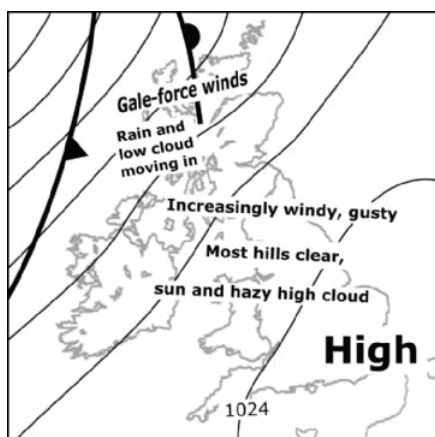
West Highlands

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, 24 September, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 24 September, 2026

Southerly gales develop widely over Scottish mountains, becoming severe northwest coastal tops. A little rain moves northeast, then more persistent rain sets in for western mountains, turning heavier. Wind strengthens too for England & Wales, generally dry and hills clear, sun giving way to a veil of upper cloud.

Headline for West Highlands

Gales strengthen; patchy rain later sets in west.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 24 September, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly 25-35mph from dawn, but already strengthening into morning, to 40-50mph, soonest near coast, stronger sustained speeds 50-60mph into afternoon; powerful downslope gusts.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking becomes challenging, strongest gusts knocking you off your feet, mobility increasingly difficult with time on exposed high terrain; feeling chilly despite mild temperature.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	A little rain, later more widely heavy rain A little drizzle and patchy rain on high terrain near the west coast, particularly northern areas, more often dry inland. Later afternoon, rain will tend to increase and spread widely from west, heavier evening and first part of night.
Cloud on the hills?	Little through morning, filling in afternoon Patches drift over the tops through morning, mostly near and north of Mull, many clear windowings too. Through afternoon, banks more often shroud tops, first towards the coast, lowering and filling in more widely late in the day/into night.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%, lowering to 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of early sun, weakened by high cloud, trending cloudier. Very good visibility, a little coastal haze building, poorer later.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5C rising to 8C afternoon, tending to then lower gradually onward into night. Feeling as cold as -5C in strongest wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 25 September, 2026

South to southwesterly winds prevail onward into the weekend and next week. Some rain drifting in from the Atlantic, a mix of drizzle, some showery falls, and locally steadier rain at times over western mountains. Cloud often shrouding hills, best of breaks toward east and north. Generally mild air, but prepare for marked chill factor on tops due to often strong winds, gales for periods over high terrain, most sustained in Scotland. Into mid-next week, risk of a more widespread gale, or severe gale over higher mountains. Higher pressure then tends to expand further over the country into the start of October for drier and quite warm weather.

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