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West Highland Way

Conditions for the week of 2 October 2026 · checked 28 September 2026

At a glance

- Forestry road works in Ewich Forest until early October (day 4)
- Mountain rescue guidance: treat all natural water (whole route)
- The notices board is unchanged, its most recent item still dated 9 August: the Ewich Forest road construction north of Crianlarich, Ptarmigan Lodge to Rowchoish open again, and an alternative high route into Fort William.
- Where beds run out first: Rowardennan (loch shore, few beds), Inveroran and Bridge of Orchy, Kingshouse (Glencoe, isolated)

Closures and diversions

- **Forestry road works in Ewich Forest until early October** (day 4 · West Highland Way Management Group · checked 28 September 2026)
Road construction north of Crianlarich runs from early July to early October 2026. The Way itself stays largely open, but expect temporary closures and short local diversions where works are close to the path, and follow the signs on the ground.
- **Mountain rescue guidance: treat all natural water** (whole route · Lomond MRT, via the Management Group notices; the team confirmed on 12 September 2026 that it backs the National Park's message and publishes no page of its own · checked 28 September 2026)
Lomond Mountain Rescue advises drinking from known sources (taps, fountains, bottled) and treating any burn water: filtering alone may not be enough, so boil or chemically treat as well. Livestock runoff around Conic Hill is called out specifically.

Weather and conditions

Read 28 September 2026. The notices board is unchanged, its most recent item still dated 9 August: the Ewich Forest road construction north of Crianlarich, Ptarmigan Lodge to Rowchoish open again, and an alternative high route into Fort William. MWIS, issued 27 September, gives a breezy Monday with south-southwesterly 20 to 30 mph on the summits, then gales: southeasterly 40 to 55 mph gusting over 60 on Tuesday 29 September with rain developing, and southerly 40 to 60 mph, up to 70 on the higher summits, on Wednesday 30 September with a band of heavy rain and frequent buffeting that knocks you off balance. The freezing level stays above the summits.

Where beds run out first

Rowardennan (loch shore, few beds) · Inveroran and Bridge of Orchy · Kingshouse (Glencoe, isolated) · Kinlochleven — In peak season these fill about 5 months ahead.

Sources read for this page

- Notices — West Highland Way Management Group: <https://www.westhighlandway.org/notices/>
- West Highlands Forecast — Mountain Weather Information Service (MWIS): <https://www.mwis.org.uk/forecasts/scottish/west-highlands>
- Camping in the National Park — Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park: <https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/things-to-do/camping/>