

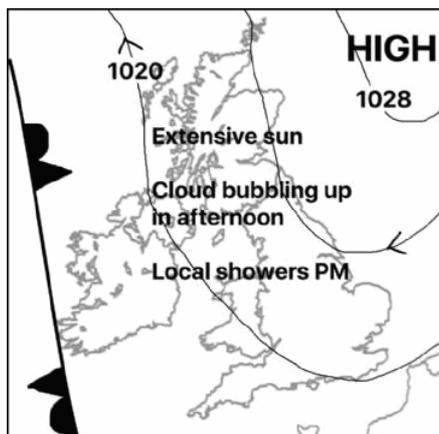
West Highlands

Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area include Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, includes Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Includes Arran and Mull.



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General Summary for Thursday, 16 May, 2019



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 May, 2019

High pressure centred across Scandinavia will continue to dominate the weather bringing further fine, warm and sunny conditions to the hills, although cloud will bubble up through the day to produce a few localised afternoon showers; mainly to NW Scotland. Patches of low cloud some hills around dawn will soon disperse.

Headline for West Highlands

Another largely fine day with sunshine. Risk of local showers.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 16 May, 2019

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly 10 to locally 20mph
Effect of wind on you?	Small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Isolated showers developing Risk of isolated bursts of rain; mainly in the afternoon and evening, although many mountains dry all day.
Cloud on the hills?	Early fog patches soon clearing. Fragments of fog may have formed above valleys Loch Lomond NP for a few hours around dawn. However, these will clear by late morning. Then all hills widely clear of fog.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Soon lifting to 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine, although cloud will develop from late morning. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	9C
Freezing Level	Above the summits

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 17 May	Saturday 18 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Easterly 15 to 20mph, although may strengthen toward 25mph, possibly 30mph Loch Lomond NP and Arran. Mostly small	Easterly 15 to 20mph at dawn, becoming 10mph or less, and variable in direction, by the afternoon. May impede walking on higher areas at first with marked wind chill, but soon becoming negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain Risk occasional bursts of rain afternoon and evening.	Patches of rain, mainly in east. Low confidence: A few patches of rain will likely drift in from the east through the day; perhaps fairly persistent over a few hours in the central Highlands.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Mostly very little Patches may have formed central highlands, Loch Lomond NP and Arran above 500m overnight. The base is likely to rise to above 750m during morning and most or all the fog should disperse - although patches will reform near rain. 70%	Areas of low cloud, mainly in the east. Low confidence in precise detail: Banks of low cloud will shroud some hills from dawn, most extensively across central Highlands where it may linger on high slopes most of the day. Across western hills, bases will lift and likely often clear the tops in the afternoon. 50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine, mainly morning western mountains. Cloud will tend to fill in during afternoon. Excellent visibility.	Some patches of sun, mostly across western hills. Visibility mostly very good, but at times poor in patchy rain; mainly in the east.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	4 to 9C, lowest in morning where in cloud. Above the summits.	4 to 8C, lowest in morning in the east. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 17 May, 2019**

Easterly winds over the weekend will bring banks of cloud in off the North Sea, often breaking over western mountains. The remnants of rain over central Europe will reach Britain, bringing showers, occasionally heavy, and perhaps one or two areas of more persistent rain. Total rainfall generally small, particularly in Scotland. A slack pressure pattern into early next week with little wind and a mix of sunshine and scattered showers, some perhaps heavy. Marked uncertainty in the evolution from midweek onwards as to whether a dry northeasterly winds will develop or whether west winds will become established for a few days with some rain.

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