

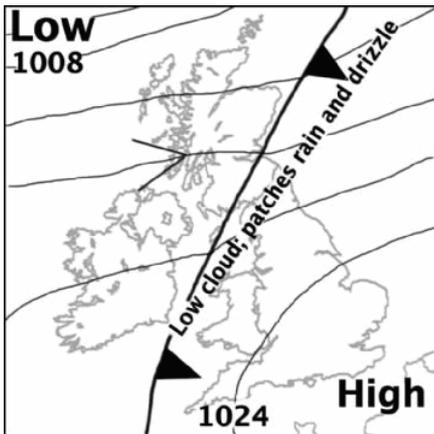
West Highlands

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 Saturday, 18 February, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 18 February, 2017

A weakening front will bring mostly low cloud and a little rain slowly southeastwards, although from S Scotland southwards the precise timing of the front is uncertain: East Wales and south Pennines may well be mostly fine with cloud above the tops. Upland gales Scottish Highlands.

Headline for West Highlands

Upland gales developing; rain on and off.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 18 February, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 30-35mph increasing progressively to 40-45mph. Strongest winds Lochaber northwards.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking difficult across higher areas; significant wind chill.
How wet?	Rain on and off. Increasingly snow higher tops. Rain on and off morning becoming mostly confined to Loch Lomond NP. Into afternoon renewed showery rain will extend in from northwest, turning to snow above 1000m.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Breaks in cloud as high as 900m mainly central highlands. But overall cloud frequent above 500 to 700m, highest well inland, and occasionally forming below 300m, particularly near Clyde sea lochs in morning.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine rare, mainly lower eastern areas. Fog extensive on the hills; below cloud hazy at best.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4C dropping to 2C late in day. Will feel as cold as minus 11C directly in wind late in day.
Freezing Level	Above summits morning; dropping to 1200m afternoon.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 19 February	Monday 20 February
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West backing southwesterly. Typically 30-35mph, but by dusk 45mph. There may be a slight lull middle of day. Frequently difficult walking conditions where exposed on higher areas. Significant wind chill.	Westerly 40 to 50mph Upland gales will make walking difficult where exposed on higher areas. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Deteriorating: rain extending inland Rain and drizzle enveloping coastal hills morning before slowly spreading inland during the afternoon.	Rain; rarely ceasing Incessant rain, concentrated western mountains. Into afternoon, possibly not until dusk, from north abruptly turning to snow above 880m. Will then tend to clear (perhaps not until into the night).
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Gradually becoming very low from west Breaks to 800 to perhaps 1000m well inland, particularly central highlands. However, slowly from west during morning blanket of fog from lower slopes up will envelop coastal mountains and spread inland afternoon. Well inland, the base will lift to above 500m. 20%	Very extensive Blanket cloud across the mountains, from lower slopes western areas although breaks to 650m central highlands and eastern Loch Lomond NP. 10%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Patches of sun confined to morning well inland. Often good visibility below cloud but on the hills fog increasingly extensive from west.	Sunshine not expected. Extensive fog, and even below cloud visibility often poor.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	2 rising to 5C 1200m before lifting above the summits.	6C; from north will drop abruptly to 2C afternoon or evening. Above the summits. Later in day or perhaps evening dropping to 1100m from north.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 19 February, 2017**

Only brief periods of freeze on higher Scottish summits until Tuesday. Otherwise, temperatures above freezing point. There will be rain on and off, concentrated western Scotland.

From Wednesday, periods of upland gales and freeze thaw cycles will extend to higher tops England and Wales. Frequent precipitation, often snow, western mountains. .

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