

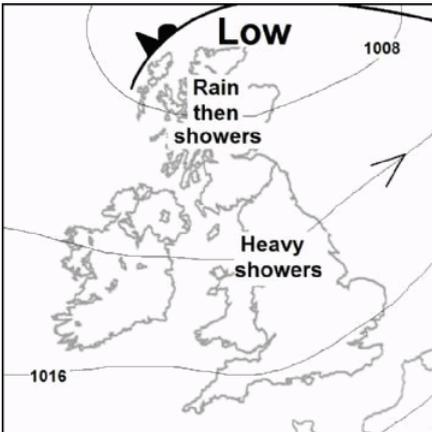
# West Highlands

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, 20 May, 2017



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 20 May, 2017**

Low pressure and an occluded front over northern Scotland brings low cloud and rain to much of the Highlands in the morning - this will fade, but will be replaced by heavy slow moving showers into the afternoon. For England & Wales, heavy showers will spread increasingly from the south-west, although Wales should improve in the afternoon.

### Headline for West Highlands

Rain frequent or persistent. Low cloud. Light winds.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 20 May, 2017

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Variable, almost windless early morning. By middle of day, becoming southwesterly, freshening 15 to 20mph, locally 25mph by evening.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Small, but may become gusty around showers.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Areas of rain, showery bursts breaking out increasingly</b> Rain on and off in the morning, mostly northern inland areas - sleet or wet snow highest summits - whilst around west coast & Loch Lomond may be largely dry for a few hours. By the middle of the day onward, showery bursts are likely to break out almost anywhere, generally spreading north-eastwards.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive</b> Shrouding most mountains above 600 to 800m, at times lower, particularly in rain; generally highest bases toward the west coast, where may lift a little later in the day.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Sunshine rare if any, perhaps breaking through on coastal hills south from Mull later. Visibility very poor due to rain, and foggy many tops.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	2 to 4C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Close to freezing on highest summits

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 21 May	Monday 22 May
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southerly, 25 to 35mph, likely strongest middle of day.	South to southeasterly, 30 to possibly 40mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking impeded where exposed on higher terrain.</b>	<b>Walking arduous on the hills; buffeting where exposed on &amp; north of major ridges.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>A little rain west</b> Patchy rain or drizzle, mostly confined to western hills near coast.	<b>Risk rain turning persistent</b> Detail uncertain: An increasing risk of rain spreading from the south-west and setting in; least rain northern Lochaber.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Most persistent west &amp; south</b>  Banks of cloud drifting around coastal hills south from Mull, and may form increasingly to quite low levels. Inland, patches of low cloud lifting, and some high tops may clear.	<b>Extensive, lowest south</b>  Likely to shroud many hills, particularly in rain; forming from low levels up on coastal hills south from Mull, also Loch Lomond. Breaks possible to 1000m or above northern areas.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Occasional sun mainly around Glen Spean. Visibility mostly very good inland, but fog may affect coastal hills.	Little if any sun. Visibility may be good north, but general haze, and fog perhaps extensive across hills.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	3 rising to 6 or 7C	7 to 10C; warmest north.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	1200m at first, then lifting above higher summits.	Above the summits

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 21 May, 2017**

Low pressure will lie to the west, and high pressure to the east of Britain on Sunday & Monday, resulting in a strengthening south to south-easterly wind. A front advances north on Monday, bringing an increasing risk of rain for many. Into midweek, a legacy of patchy rain or showers is likely, but pressure should be building slowly. In the second half of the week, expect plenty of dry weather, but it will be quite humid, bringing a risk of extensive low cloud to many mountains, particularly in the west, and a general haze. Isolated afternoon showers possible. Becoming fairly warm, and winds often light.

**Forecast issued at 16:07 on Friday, 19 May, 2017**

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