

West Highlands

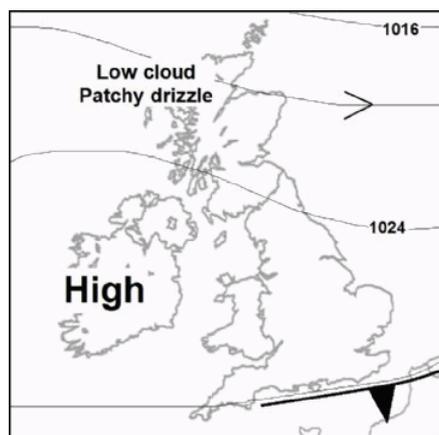
Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area include Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, includes Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Includes Arran and Mull.



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General Summary for Monday, 17 July, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 July, 2017

High pressure builds across the British Isles. A brisk westerly wind will ease slowly and become confined to the far north of Scotland. Drizzly showers and low cloud for the W & NW Highlands, otherwise dry with plenty of sunshine and any low cloud breaking up.

Headline for West Highlands

Blustery winds, easing. Patchy drizzle west. Cloud breaking.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 17 July, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly, 30-35mph early morning, but gradually easing, to 20-25mph by afternoon, or nearer 10-15mph evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous morning higher slopes; conditions easing through day.
How wet?	Drizzly showers coastal hills Pockets of drizzle, mainly western coastal hills in the morning, but fading. Generally dry inland, Loch Lomond NP & Arran.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive morning: breaking afternoon Western coastal hills shrouded in cloud for most of the day, bases 400-600m, but tending to thin and break slowly during afternoon, perhaps becoming confined to areas around Mull. Toward the central Highlands & Loch Lomond NP, bases lifting and breaking above most if not all tops afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% west morning, later 50%, or 70% inland.
Sunshine and air clarity?	Hazy sunshine developing on many hills by afternoon. Visibility improving, becoming very good inland.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7 rising to 9 to 11C; warmest central Highlands.
Freezing Level	Above summits

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 18 July	Wednesday 19 July
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southeasterly, 15mph increasing to 25, later 30mph. Mainly small, but may result in local buffeting late in day.	Low confidence of detail in this forecast: East or southeasterly, 30 to 45mph, risk local gusts over 50mph. Walking may be widely arduous or difficult with considerable buffeting where exposed.
How wet?	Risk of an afternoon shower Possibility of local afternoon showers, mainly inland across the central Highlands.	Risk of thunderstorms Detail very uncertain: Pulses of heavy rain and possible thunderstorms spreading from the south, may give local torrential falls.
Cloud on the hills?	Largely cloud free Clouds likely to lower on to highest tops in any showers, otherwise cloud free.	Forming around rain At times cloud may remain above the hills, but risk patches forming from forest canopies up during and following rain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%	50%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Excellent visibility and long spells of sunshine, but becoming hazy later in the day.	Any sunshine generally hazy. Visibility reduced around rain.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	11 to 13C Above summits	10 to 15C Above summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 18 July, 2017**

High pressure retreats away eastwards allowing pressure to fall into midweek. A brief surge of warm and humid air will push north across Britain by Wednesday, and there will be areas of rain and thunderstorms - precise detail remains uncertain. Later in the week, and most likely into the weekend, expect a changeable mix of sunshine and heavy showers, or some longer periods of rain as low pressure resides across the country. Blustery winds at times, and feeling cool.

Forecast issued at 13:00 on Sunday, 16 July, 2017

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