

West Highlands

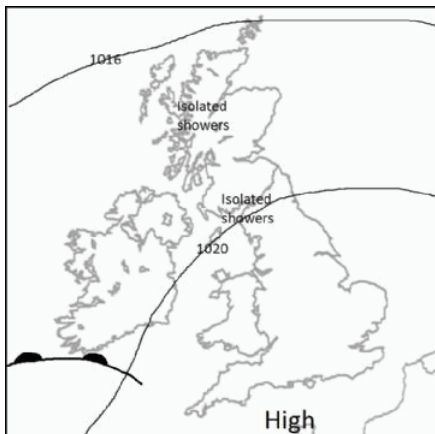
Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area include Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, includes Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Includes Arran and Mull.



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General Summary for Sunday, 13 August, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 August, 2017

A transient ridge of high pressure will cross the UK during the day. There will be a few showers over Scottish highlands and here cloud will persist on higher western summits. Elsewhere, hills largely cloud free, patches of sun and light and.

Headline for West Highlands

Showers, Cloud will shroud higher summits, particularly west,

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 13 August, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 10-15mph or less. Becoming southerly 15-20mph during the evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Small
How wet?	Scattered showers A scattering of showers will affect the area during the day. Initially they will affect mainly coastal hills, before tending to transfer inland into the afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Lifting above tops Cloud base will vary between 700 and 1000m across western coastal hills. Inland toward central highlands, bases will progressively rise to give cloud only rarely below 1050m by early afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20% western summits to 60% easternmost tops
Sunshine and air clarity?	Occasional sunshine with excellent visibilities.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5-8C
Freezing Level	Above the summits

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 14 August	Tuesday 15 August
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeast veering southerly 15-25mph, increasing to 25-30mph for a time.	Southwest veering westerly: 20-30mph
Effect of wind on you?	Will impede walking across exposed slopes during afternoon/evening.	Walking arduous at time on exposed higher slopes
How wet?	Rain setting in Rain will spread up from the south at, or soon after dawn, and then continue throughout much of the day. Rainfall will be more patchy across Lochaber.	Spells of rain later showers Spells of rain on and off for much of the day, tending to turn more showery later. Heaviest and most persistent over western hills.
Cloud on the hills?	Becoming extensive Conditions will deteriorate from the south from dawn, with cloud becoming extensive across the hills, particularly from lower slopes upwards across Arran and Loch Lomond NP. Highest bases across N. Lochaber where cloud will be mainly above 900m.	Extensive breaking later inland Most if not all hills shrouded in cloud morning. Bases tending to lift and break afternoon/evening outside showers towards central Highlands.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	30%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Little if any sunshine Visibility often poor in the rain.	Fairly extensive poor visibility in hill fog morning. Glimpses of sunshine by afternoon, best inland with very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7 rising to 10C	6 to 8C
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 14 August, 2017**

A continuation of the current unsettled weather pattern through next week with southwesterly winds bringing bands of low cloud and rain countrywide, although a transient ridge of high pressure will result in an improvement in conditions on Tuesday. From midweek onwards, increasing threat of upland gales and on western mountains heavy rain with areas of low pressure passing close by the UK.

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