

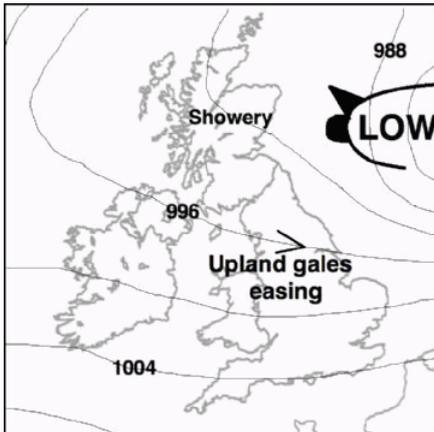
West Highlands

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 Wednesday, 13 September, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 September, 2017

Low pressure will push out into the North Sea and allow a cold northwesterly, showery airflow to prevail across all mountain areas. Across Scotland showers will merge to give locally prolonged rain over several hours, and over highest tops sleet or wet snow will fall. Upland gales at dawn across England and Wales will soon ease.

Headline for West Highlands

A cold day with showers, these falling as wet snow highest tops.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 13 September, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	West or northwesterly 10-15mph. In morning will start at 20 to 25mph Loch Lomond NP and Arran before easing.
Effect of wind on you?	Small
How wet?	Showers; small risk lightning Showers, mostly western hills. Will extend east across region by afternoon and become heavy; small risk thunder. Wet snow highest tops. Also, small risk of rain almost constant for a couple of hours, again most likely within 20 miles of the lie of the coast.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive at first, lifting by afternoon. Extensive low cloud from dawn, in places from lower slopes, will lift and break towards midday. Then cloud frequently confined to higher tops, and on central highlands and Loch Lomond NP often above the tops. However, cloud base will drop toward 800m, or near the coast 500m, during rain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine rare, only occasional glimpses here and there. Frequently excellent or superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4C
Freezing Level	Just above tops

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 14 September	Friday 15 September
How windy? (On the Munros)	North or northwesterly; 25 to occasionally 35mph.	Northerly 25-35mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking often arduous on higher areas.	Walking often arduous higher areas with marked wind chill.
How wet?	Showers Brief showers occasionally, mainly afternoon. Snow above 950m, will lie highest tops.	Showers extending inland. Showers, initially mainly along and near the coast, will extend inland from mid morning. Some heavy with sleet/wet snow on highest tops.
Cloud on the hills?	Cloud clearing many tops. Cloud often shrouding higher slopes after dawn, will become confined above most summits by midday, although fragments will form higher areas near showers. On Mull, west of Loch Linnhe and near Glen Spean, cloud may well come and go above 900 to 1050m all day.	Extensive near coast, lifting inland. Widespread hill fog from dawn, will lift and break inland towards midday with many summits clearing between the showers by afternoon. However, across N.Locharaber and hills within 20 miles of the the coast, remaining foggy above 800m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	50%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Occasional sunshine, mainly morning Loch Lomond NP. Excellent visibility.	Occasional glimpses of sun between the showers. Visibility excellent between the showers and outside hill fog.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C	4C
Freezing Level	1300m	Just above the tops

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 14 September, 2017**

Chilly and showery most mountain areas through the remainder of this week. On highest Scottish summits expect showers to fall as sleet and wet snow, and here and there snow will lie. By Sunday and through the early days of next week, under higher pressure, it will become warmer and although total rainfall will be small, there is uncertainty as to whether there will be showers, and also whether areas of low cloud will continue to shroud some higher areas; most likely over western Scotland.

Forecast issued at 7:37 on Wednesday, 13 September, 2017

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