

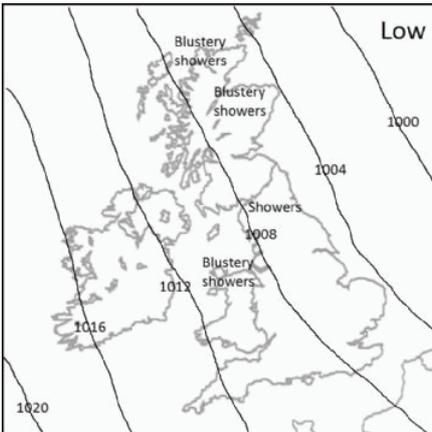
West Highlands

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 Thursday, 14 September, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 September, 2017

A cold north-northwesterly flow will cover the UK during the day. Cairngorms, NW Highlands and Snowdonia will remain mainly cloudy with the showers most frequent here. Further south and east hills often clear and dry, with some excellent visibility and just the risk a few showers by afternoon. Significant windchill all areas.

Headline for West Highlands

Blustery wintry showers higher slopes

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 14 September, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	North or northwesterly; 25 to 35mph occasionally 45mph later and along western coastal hills.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking often arduous at times difficult on higher areas. Significant windchill.
How wet?	Showers Occasional showers, most likely over western hills in Lochaber, will tend to spread further inland afternoon. However largely dry towards Lomond NP. Snow above 1000m, will lie at times 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 above 1000m. On Mull, west of Loch Linnhe and near Glen Spean, cloud may well come and go above
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Occasional sunshine, mainly morning Loch Lomond NP. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C but feeling well below zero in the wind
Freezing Level	1300m

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 15 September	Saturday 16 September
How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 25-35mph.	Northerly 20-30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking often arduous higher areas with marked wind chill.	Walking often arduous higher areas with marked wind chill.
How wet?	Showers extending inland. Showers, initially mainly along and near the coast, will extend inland in Lochaber from mid morning, but be very isolated Lomond NP. Some heavy with sleet/wet snow on 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?	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.Lochaber and hills within 20 miles of the the coast, remaining foggy above 800m.	Extensive near coast, lifting inland. Widespread hill fog from dawn, will lift and break inland towards midday with many summits clearing between the showers, especially towards Lomond NP. However, across N.Lochaber and hills within 20 miles of the the coast, remaining foggy above 900-1000m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50%	50%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Occasional glimpses of sun between the showers. Visibility excellent between the showers and outside hill fog.	Occasional glimpses of sun between the showers. Visibility excellent between the showers and outside hill fog.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4C	4C
Freezing Level	Just above the tops	Just above the tops

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 15 September, 2017**

Cold and showery across all mountain areas through the remainder of this week. On highest Scottish summits showers will fall as sleet and wet snow. By Sunday and through the early days of next week, as pressure builds from the south, winds will back more westerly. It will become warmer with drier conditions than of late, but with spells of patchy rain mainly over western half of the Highlands.

Forecast issued at 16:38 on Wednesday, 13 September, 2017

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