

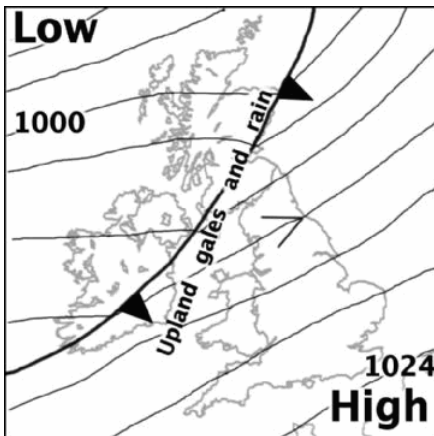
West Highlands

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 Friday, 13 October, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 October, 2017

Upland gales most mountain areas. Almost constant rain western mountains will clear from the NW across Scottish Highlands. Persistent fog most summits, widely from lower slopes up many west and south facing coastal hills.

Headline for West Highlands

Upland gales; rain most of the day

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 13 October, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly, 60 to locally 70mph after dawn. Will ease to 45mph, although nearer 35mph by evening Arran and Loch Lomond NP.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult walking on higher terrain; severe wind chill.
How wet?	Heavy rain much of region Incessant rain most of region. The rain will ease or cease from the north only during the afternoon (not until dusk Arran). Least rain on hills accessible from West Highland Line between Roy Bridge and Corrour/Loch Ossian. Very wet underfoot, burns in spate.
Cloud on the hills?	Almost all hills persistently foggy Shrouding all or almost all mountains persistently. The fog from lower slopes up near coast, including sea lochs, and widely above 500m. However, between Roy Bridge and Corrour/Loch Ossian, breaks to 900m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Almost nil
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine not expected. Visibility extensively poor due to rain and low cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	9C, dropping to 5C, initially toward and west of Loch Linnhe middle of day onwards.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 14 October	Sunday 15 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly mostly 25 to 35mph, but threat Arran and Loch Lomond NP of abrupt increase to 50mph. Will impede ease of walking on higher areas. Threat of change to difficult walking conditions, most likely Arran/Loch Lomond NP.	Southerly in the range 35 to 50mph, possibly 60mph near the west coast. Considerable buffeting across the hills; including sudden strong gusts to lower slopes. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Rain, perhaps most of the day Very wet underfoot; burns in spate after previous rain. Confidence in amount of additional rainfall during daylight is low: There may be a break in the rain, particularly morning, before rain becomes widespread.	Patches drizzly rain Overnight rain will probably clear northwestwards (possibly persisting Mull and west of Loch Linnhe). Otherwise, areas of drizzle coastal summits and Loch Loch Lomond NP. Very wet underfoot, especially western mountains.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Most summits in fog most or all day, the cloud from lower slopes up near the coast. However, although uncertain, particularly Mull and Lochaber northwards, there may be breaks to higher tops for several hours, most likely morning.	Persisting all day most areas Broadly fog across most mountains all day; the cloud from lower slopes up coastal hills and Loch Lomond NP. North across Rannoch Moor into Lochaber, the base will rise: toward and north of Glen Spean and near Loch Treig, breaks to 1000m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	10%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine not expected due to veil of high level cloud. Sometimes excellent visibility, particularly near and north of Glen Spean - but widely poor in rain and cloud.	Patches of sunshine more or less confined to near and north of Glen Spean. Persistent haze - and fog widely across the mountains.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5C Above the summits.	9C Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 14 October, 2017**

A lengthy period of unsettled weather, will give continued high rainfall across western mountains, particularly the W and NW Highlands where widely very wet underfoot.

There will be bouts of upland gales and note on Monday or Monday night threat of storm force winds.

Later next week, on higher Scottish summits, occasionally periods where snow will fall, but lying snow is very likely to be only transient.

Forecast issued at 7:07 on Friday, 13 October, 2017

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